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OF THE
SWISS HYMNBOOK

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1. Thou, O God, whom we acknowledge, / Thou art named as God alone. / Beside Thee there is no other. / At Thy right hand on the throne. / Thou dost present in Thy Son, / the One who is now Lord of all.
2. There crowned with honour and glory, / He has sent His Holy Spirit / to those, who are reconciled. / This one Spirit works in all / according to Thy good pleasure / that the Son is now fully revealed.
3. Jesus, might and honour are Thine / the saints in chorus exalt Thee, / all the angels serve Thee. / All the works of Thy hands, / even to the ends of all the worlds, / Thy God and Father, hath given Thee.
4. And we too are given to Thee, / eternally to live with Thee, / to see Thy glory, / to share Thy honour and might, / to be there at Thy right hand, / ever to exalt Thy fame.

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1. Jesus lives! He has conquered, / who can proclaim His fame! / Jesus' blood satisfies God / and has washed away all my sins. / Yes, He lives - I will not die, / :for His death was my judgment.: /

2. Jesus lives! He lives for me; / never can I stand forsaken; / He who won me for Himself / lets me see only love and grace. / Though the enemy should lift his head, /: this remains: My Jesus lives! :/
3. Yes, Thou livest, Thou art crowned, / and hast occupied the heavens; / Lord, my heart yearns for Thee / till I shall come to Thee, / till I shall see Thy countenance - /: O, what a blessed confidence! :/

3. poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Cast sorrow and grief / on God for relief / the heart of thy merciful Father!
2. When trouble assails, / when ev'ry thing fails, / His child in His arms He will gather!
3. He knows what we bear, / He carries our care, / and guides with the hand of the Mighty!
4. We're kept in His sight: / Then let not the night / of death or of suff'ring affright thee!

5. And soon, at His word, / above with our Lord, / what rivers of pleasure shall fill us!
6. Who is there save He, / so rich and so free / in love and in pow'r and compassion?

3 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. Cast cares and sorrow / upon the loving heart / of the mighty Lord Jesus who helps you.
2. When grief troubles you, / when you lack everything, / then implore the One who has pity.
3. He lightens the burden, / full of pity and seizes / and lifts it with mighty hands.
4. He protects and watches you; / therefore let not the night / of suffering and death terrify you.
5. Yes, who is like Him? / His blessings make rich. / His word gives you heavenly peace.
6. We are not far away any more; / for with the gracious Lord / streams of delight shall refresh us.

1. Jesus lives! With Him I also live. / Death, where is thy
terror? / He, He lives and will also, / should I die, raise
me and / transform me there in the light; /: This is my
confidence. :/
2. Jesus lives! Now death can no longer / take my life from
me. / What a comfort in every trouble / will it give to
my soul, / when it speaks to Him in faith: /: Lord, Lord,
my confidence. :/
3. Jesus lives! I am sure, / nothing can ever separate me
from Him, / no power of darkness, / no glory, no suffer-
ing. / His love will never forsake me; /: this is my
confidence. :/
4. Jesus lives! To Him will be given / the kingdom over all
the world; / with Him I, too, will reign and live eter-
nally. / God does what He promises /: this is my confi-
dence. :/

1. O Lamb of God, for sinner sacrificed; / The earth, which
Thou didst create, / alas, it bore Thy cross. / Who drew
Thee then down / into poverty, trouble, death and the grave? /

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1. Those, Lord, given to Thee / by Thy God to live with Thee, /
to reign with Thee eternally, / O Lord, we praise Thee!
2. O Lamb of God, Thou Source of all joys, / art ours, we are
Thine, now and eternally. / Hast dearly bought us, / and
baptized us with Thy Spirit. / Love drew Thee down; / again,
it draws us to Thee. / What would heaven be without Thee? /
And all its glory?
3. Come, Jesus, come! We long to behold / Thy countenance,
dear Lord, who hast bought us to God, / and who, the Father's
Image, / fills His heart and His heaven. / We call aloud for
Thee / from earthly pilgrim paths / till our praise shall
fully resound to Thee, / O Lamb, who has reconciled us!

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1. I have a home, the Father's house, / so inexpressibly beau-
tiful; / soon I will rest there with Jesus, / I would like
to go to Him even today.
2. There I will see Him face to face / in all His splendour, /
where all will shine in His light / in glory and in might.
3. The myriads of angels / never silent in His praise; They
worship God / who so highly exalted Him.

4. Should I not also from the bottom of my heart / praise Thee
evermore, / proclaim Thy grace down here / and up there
Thy glory!
5. Thou hast chosen me by grace / to be Thine own, / and hast
included me in Thy Bride, / to Thee, Lord, be praise and
honour!

1. Sing praise to the Lord. / O praise Him gladly! / Worship
and praise belong to Him.
2. Sing praise to His love, / that alone moved Him / to die
for our sins.
3. Sing praise to His might! / His work is completed; / He
sits at the right hand of the Father.
4. Sing praise to His faithfulness, / which is always new /
until He shall lead us into glory.

1. For the people of God there does still exist / a blessed rest without end. / Soon, the good fight is over, / soon Thou Jesus, shalt be manifested. / Then after pain and sufferings / Thou wilt lead us on to heavenly pastures. / Thou leadeest us into the most beautiful place. / What rejoicing for those who are weary, / to rest with Thee in quiet peace, / in Thy arms of love and Thy bosom.
2. The tree of life will give its fruit / and the curse will be no more. / The stream of life that flows crystal clear and sparkling by will quicken us. / We shall reign with Thee, Lord, / and triumph in blessed rest, / unclouded in joy and bliss. / The new song will sound for Thee, / we will bring glory and praise to Thee / who hast loved so wonderfully.

1. To Thy table we are invited, / the soul feasts on Thee. / Lord, the fullness of Thy love and grace / we taste in Thy death. / And this death we now proclaim; / it fell upon Thee once for our sins, / which Thou hast forever put away. / Thou, our Head, Thou wilt come again / and take to Thyself all Thy members; / Thou takest us home to the eternal rest.

2. O Lamb of God, Thou wilt raise up / to Thy heavenly wedding-feast / the saints, who live on the earth / with the countless number of those, who have fallen asleep. / Not one is missing, all are coming, / they sing aloud with exultation: / Honour to the Lamb, who has reconciled us! / Thou wilt be highly exalted by all; / the glory and the praise belong to Thee. / God Himself has magnificently crowned Thee.

1. Without beginning, uncreated, / Thou, the Word art from eternity. / Whatever is in heaven, whatever is on earth, / Whatever is in space and in time: / All is created by Thee, / everything is made for Thee.
2. Word and God - Thou has become flesh, / O wonderful mystery! / Thou didst go through the gate of death / when Thy blood was shed on the cross. / But Thou art risen, / to Thee belongeth now the most beautiful part.
3. Thou hast now the pre-eminence / in all things for evermore, / everything will worship Thee, / who ever wast and art. / Amen, Amen will then shout / Thy precious blessed people whom Thou hast bought.

1. Crowned with thorns, / mocked and derided, / Jesus carried
my sins on the tree.
2. He went into judgment / to receive the whole weight / of
the curse for me.
3. The sufferings and agony / in countless measure / even for-
saken of His God!
4. Not His own guilt, / but infinite grace, / made Him bear
such torment.
5. The guilt was mine alone, / the grace only His, / salvation -
a work of His love.
6. Worship and honour / belong to Thee, O Lord. / Praise be
to Thy holy name!

1. How hard and wearisome is the way, / how far away appears
the goal to me, / if I fail to lay everything upon Thee, /
whether it be great or small.
2. With Thee, my Jesus, it is good / to walk through the pil-
grim's land. / Thou takest me in Thy care, / Thou takest
away all sorrows.

3. I thank Thee from all my heart, / Thy care is enough. /
Mayest Thou exercise constant trust in me / and submission
in sincerity.
4. Cause me to honour Thee through faith / in this poor world; /
to Thy praise, increase in me / that which is pleasing to
Thee.
5. When Thou hast brought me / securely home in that blessed
place / I will certainly glorify Thee there with all Thine
own: / "Lord, Thou hast done all things well!"

1. Sweet savour and loveliness / ascended from the altar of
the cross, / where the Lamb was obedient unto death / in
the deepest sufferings. / The Son willingly offered Him-
self, / to the pleasure of the Father.
2. On the tree He gave up His life / having made propitiation
for sin and guilt. / Yet, righteousness and peace / have
kissed each other on the cross; / and as eternal High Priest /
He was joyfully greeted by God.

3. O God, Thine own Son hath honoured Thee, / O Thou holy and just God, / therefore it was appointed to Him, / to sit upon the throne at Thy right hand. / Yes, the Father has eternally given unto Him / all things as reward.
4. God and Father we sing / of Thy wondrous counsel; / we worship Jesus / for the greatest act of love. / Unto Him is due the praise and thanks and glory, / He, who has glorified Thee.

14.

1. Exalted Jesus, Son of God! / Thou art seated on Thy Father's throne / at His right hand. / Thou wilt surely come again from heaven, / in a very short time, / with great power and glory. / Then every mouth will confess Thee "Lord" / to the praise and honour of Thy God.
2. O Saviour, who can comprehend now the splendour / which will surround Thy day. / How great wilt Thou manifest Thyself / when Thou shalt appear / with the multitude of Thy redeemed ones on the bright clouds / and every knee will bow! / Then, the world will see the majesty / to which God, Thy God, has exalted Thee.

3. O Lord, when this day appears / Thy Bride, united with
Thee / will also appear in brightest splendour. / With
Thee in glory she will be / enthroned there in all eter-
nity / in full enjoyment of Thyself. / Yet a little while -
and the day is here / then she will sing with joy, Halle-
lujah.

1. Adoration to Thee! Be Thou highly praised / for Thy love,
Jesus Christ! / Which Thou hast proven toward sinners /
since Thou didst die for us. / How much Thou hast done for
us! / We worship, thanking Thee, Lord.
2. Adoration to Thee! So shall it resound / on and on in the
new song. / Adoration to Thee! The feeble stammering / shall
become a mighty chorus there soon, / where with the sound
of the harps of the saints, / the eternal song of praise
shall resound to Thee.

1. It is the eternal mercy / that surpasses all thoughts, /
that of Him who with loving open arms / condescends to sin-
ners, / who frees us from curse /: leads us to Jesus'
glory. :/
2. We should not perish / rather be delivered from wrath. /
The Son came down to earth for us / and has occupied the
heaven for us. / Therefore from the throne of grace comes
to us /: the fullness of grace through the Son :/
3. What grace! which has blotted out / all sins through Christ's
blood! / And His love enables us even here and now / to know
what God has prepared for us / who have been for ever re-
deemed /: by His mercy alone :/

17 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Mighty is Thy hand, O Lord, / safely holds Thy sheep forever, /
Thou hast bought them with Thy blood, / they shall surely
perish never. / Us to glory Thou wilt bring, / thus by faith
e'en now we sing.
2. And while in this desert land, / if through fear I start to
falter, / Christ puts forth His saving hand, / makes His
weak one more than conqueror. / God's right hand now holds
me safe, / thus we sing e'en now by faith.

3. Though the enemy accuse, / Christ is for me interceding. /
Every word will God refuse, / Christ at His right hand is
pleading; / not one charge may Satan bring, / thus by faith
e'en now we sing.
4. Who can pluck me from His hand? / Who can take His comfort
from me? God's own promises shall stand, / all of faith en-
tirely worthy. / Thou wilt never cast us off. / Thus we sing
e'en now by faith.

17 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. Strong is the hand of my Jesus, / and He will hold me eter-
nally; / He has spent too much for me / to let me go again. /
My Saviour will not leave me - / that is my confidence.
2. Even though my little courage sees danger, / and I fear I'll
be defeated, / Christ offers me His hand, / Christ helps the
weak to overcome. / That God's kindness will defend me - /
that is my confidence.
3. When the accuser accuses me, / Christ has already spoken for
me; / even if he should dare to sift, / Christ has prayed
for me. / That my Mediator speaks for me - / that is my con-
fidence.

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4. Nothing shall snatch me out of His hand! / Who will rob me of this comfort? / My Saviour Himself promises it; / should I not believe His Word? / Jesus will not leave me eternally - / that is my confidence.

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1. Jesus, holy Lamb of God, / Thou, Thyself, hast atoned for our guilt / on the cross in accordance with / Thy exceeding grace and mercy.
2. Yes, Thou hast tasted death, / Thou spotless Lamb of God, / Thou hast removed the sin, / and opened the way for us to God.
3. All our praise is far too small - / even the heavens join in - for the wonderful counsel, / for the great acts of love.
4. Thou art worthy, Thou alone! / Everything will cry aloud / Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy / that all, yes all, should honour Thee.

1. Thou hast tasted death for me, / Thou who art Thyself the Life. / Thy precious blood has blotted out / the whole load of guilt, Lord Jesus Christ. / Thou didst go into judgment for me: / O, greater love does not exist.
2. Thou art ascended into heaven, / hast seated Thyself at Thy Father's side. / Thou wilt keep me strong and faithful / till I am in the Father's house. / There Thou livest, who intercedest for me: / O, greater love does not exist.
3. Thy heart is faithful in all things / caring for me early and late; / Thou carriest me on eagles' wings, / Thou guidest me according to Thy counsel / Thou leadest me by Thy light: / O, greater love does not exist.
4. And finally Thou wilt lift me up / out of this poor valley of tears, / Thou wilt give me Thy glory and / joys without end and number; / then I, myself, will behold Thy face: / No, greater love does not exist.

1. See, Lord, we redeemed ones draw near / to receive the supper of Thy love, which speaks to us of Thy grace. / Full salvation and eternal life, / Thy love has given us and / transformed us in Thy light. / Thou hast indeed given up for us / Thy flesh and blood, Thou merciful One! / Thanks, thanks be to Thee, O Jesus, for it / now and both in eternity.

21 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Soon, soon is passed / the night of grief and sorrow. / Soon, soon will break, the joyous glad tomorrow! / I'll see my Lord, Sweet Home at last.
2. What bliss 'twill be! / When Thou for us descending, / callest Thy bride, / she welcomes Thee ascending, / from every mouth the cry, " 'Tis He!"
3. Yes, there unheard / are sounds of grief and weeping. / The heart is full - / gained what my heart was seeking, / when I have Thee, Jesus my Lord.
4. With Thee at Home! / Attained my heart's desire. / Won by Thy love - / fore'er to praise my Lover! / Lord Jesus, would that day were come!

21 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. Already far advanced / is the night of tears. / Morning approaches - my ardent longing is stilled / when, Lord, mine eye beholds Thee.
2. O blessed hour / full of rapture and delight, / when Thy bride shall come to meet Thee! / "It's He!" exults then every mouth.
3. Yes, then far away will be / what here has troubled me. / I have enough - have what my heart desires, / have Thee, O Jesus, my Lord.
4. In Thy presence / I enjoy rapture and peace. / Never shall my mouth grow weary in Thy praise. / O Jesus, that today I might see Thee!

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1. Praise be to Christ who is risen! / The victorious Son of God arose / out of the broken bands of death. / Going through the heavens, Thou, Lord, dost / manifest the value of Thy blood; / peace now shines forth from the Throne of God. / Praise be to Him who has loved us / and given us eternal life, to Jesus Christ and our God! / He destroyed him that had the power of death and kept us in bondage.

2. Thou, O Jesus, our Saviour, / art High Priest and Advocate / of Thine own to their salvation. / The lines are fallen unto Thee in pleasant places / and all the elect will share the same glory. / Thou hast given Thyself on the altar / for our atonement: we ought to be / holy, be Thine for ever / and be a kingdom and priests.
3. Soon, with the sound of a trumpet, / Thou wilt call Thine own, / wilt lead them all transformed on clouds into the light. / Come, beloved one, to meet us, / that we may be able to rejoice completely / and let us see Thy face! / Salvation to all, who being risen with Thee, / walk here in faith! / The glory in eternity is ready for them there with Thee.

1. O Christ the Lord, / my own good Shepherd art Thou, / I give Thee thanks, / for grace Thou ever me dost show, / that never lets me want for good.
2. Now I lie down, / amidst the fresh green pasture; / I therein rest, / as on Thy breast, dear Master; / my heart is full, filled full, I own.

3. Thou ledest me / beside the quiet water, / Thou givest me /
Water of Life, e'en sweeter; / I deeply drink, thanks be to
Thee!
4. My soul be glad, / when wandering, He restoreth, / for His
Name's sake; / in paths of right He leadeth, / more far the
way, more strength dost add.
5. Yea, though it be / I must walk through the valley, / of
death's shadow, / I'll fear not, Thou art with me, / Thy rod,
Thy staff, they comfort me.
6. Lord Thou hast said, / Thou mak'st my cup run over, / my
table too, / before my foes dost prepare: / And dost anoint
with oil my head.
7. And this I know, / goodness and mercy ever, / shall follow
me; / and I, in Thy House never, / shall cease to dwell! /
Thou lov'est me so!

23 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. O Lord, my Shepherd, / in the shadow of Thy goodness / my heart rejoices, my soul overflows / and is thankful because I shall lack nothing.
2. Thou leadest me / into rich, green pastures. / Here blooms for me the Spirit's purest joy, / my heart revives and is satisfied.
3. Thou givest me to drink, / when heat and thirst cause me to faint, / out of a fresh well, out of clear streams of life, / and my soul never exhausts them.
4. If Thou shouldst command, / every storm must cease. / Thou leadest me faithfully / for Thy name's sake / in paths of righteousness.
5. With Thee I can walk / through the dark valley. / I fear nothing; Thou dost not let me fall. / I find comfort in Thy staff.
6. Lord, Thou art mine, / and my soul is Thine. / Thou anointest my head with Thy oil of gladness, / Thou fillest my cup to overflowing.
7. Lord, Thy grace and goodness / follow me here (all the days of my earthly life). / To the Father's house I move with cheerful steps / and then will dwell with Thee for ever.

1. May our heart and mouth sing praise / to Thee, our God, who
great things / didst do for sinners and enemies. / Thou gav-
est us, to Thy praise / the greatest of all proofs of love - /
the Son -, who has saved us. / Thou hast given Him in fullest
measure / who was Thy delight - / to die in agony on the
cross / to make propitiation for our sins / and bring us sal-
vation. / O what a God!

2. With worshipping hearts / we admire, O God, Thy goodness; /
how near we are brought to Thee! / Thou hast given us through
the Son / the life, the Spirit of adoption / and hast made us
as those of the household. / O receive laud, praise and glory /
in Thy sanctuary / from all of us / through Jesus Christ. /
How happy it is / to be a child of God, the Father.

1. O Lord Jesus, rich in grace, / Thou hast taken upon Thyself /
that which separated me from God. / To pay my total debt /
Thou didst suffer the greatest agony / which cannot be ex-
pressed by any tongue.

2. No soul can comprehend, / what deep pains Thou didst endure, / and sufferings without number. / Darkness had compassed Thee / Son of God, Thou hast suffered / as a "worm" on the cross.
3. Nothing can be compared with such a love, / which has thought of me even unto / the end into death. / Who will now condemn or complain? / Here is Christ who has carried / my sin - has made me free.
4. For ever I will exalt Thee / who hast given Thyself for me, / at Golgatha for my salvation. / In the depth of my soul / may it remain before me every hour, / Lord, what happened there on the cross.

1. Come quickly / for Thine own, Jesus, / Thou bright and morning star! / According to the word out of Thy mouth, is the hour / of Thy coming not far away.

2. O we desire to see Thee / and to go to Thee, / away from
the pilgrim's land. / Precious Head, O gather Thy / Bride /
soon with Thee in the Father's house!
3. On that day, / every complaint will be silent, / nobody will
take away the joy anymore. / For ever Thy members will sing /
songs of praise / to Thy honour before the throne.
4. Thy Bride, which Thou hast chosen, / will be radiant in her
wedding dress / and jewellery. / Oh, how she will praise Thee /
with blessed melodies, / when she is married to Thee.
5. Yes, before Thee are glorious / and lovely pleasures / at
Thy right hand for evermore. / Thy grace without limits /
will shine there / in wonder to our gaze.

1. O Jesus, precious Lamb of God! / On the cross Thou wast /
slain for our sins. / For us Thou didst go into distress
and death; / Thou didst fully offer up Thyself to God; /
for us Thou wast despised. / Now nothing can condemn us
any longer. / O Jesus, to Thee be thanks and honour!

2. Thy happy people, O Lord, appear, / united at Thy table here, / invited by Thy love. / Through this cup and this bread / we announce, Lord, Thy death / and Thy rich blessings. / Nothing oppresses our conscience any longer. / O Jesus, to Thee be thanks and honour!

1. Jesus our Confidence, / Oh, how rich is Thy grace! / Thou givest joy, comfort, and light / on the narrow path of faith. / All fullness we have, / O Lord Jesus, always in Thee.
2. Thou art ours, we are Thine; / love has so united us. / Our salvation art Thou alone / through Thy blood and Thy wounds. / In Thee only is blessed rest: / Our Hope, Lord, art Thou.
3. Thou, Lord, dost not let us go from Thee, / Thou holdest us fast to Thy side. / Thou will take us home very soon from hence / to the Father's home. / Blessed, he who says from his heart - / Jesus, my Confidence!

1. Forever Thou art worshipped, / God, who art our Father. /
Thou hast redeemed us from death, / has sent us Jesus
Christ, / hast begotten us anew by Thy Word; / we would
be lost eternally / if He had not humbled Himself / descend-
ing from the throne to death and the grave.
2. Jesus, we as redeemed sinners, / we who are made free, thank
Thee today. / Thee, the overcomer of death, / Thee, the Lord
of glory. / Thou who wast dead, art alive again / with Thee
also Thy members live. / With Thee, God has raised us / who
once were afraid of death.
3. O with what joys of God / Thou shinest in the magnificence
of heaven! / Eternally removed are all sufferings, / Thy
great work completely finished. / Gladly and with love
Thou wilt soon / appear triumphanthy for Thine own, / and
lead them out of this place of suffering / into the Father's
land.

1. Who will accuse God's elect / of their forgiven sin. / He, full of the Father's grace, / hath made them children in the Son. / God declareth them as righteous, / calleth them sons, no longer servants. / Who will ever condemn them? / God, who has made them just, is here.
2. Here is Christ, who has died, / yes, who is also risen; / who has purchased us with His blood, / inspite of the power and cunning of the enemy. / He is now seated at God's right hand / to defend our cause; / He who appears before God for us / shares His blessing with us.
3. So we are certain and believe / that neither life nor death / can separate us from His love, / even if the world and Satan threaten us. / Neither might nor miracles, / principatities, angels, power / neither things present nor things to come / can separate us from Jesus Christ.

1. Thou, Lord Jesus, our Life, / Thou alone art our Salvation. /
To exalt Thee and Thy love / can only be joy for us. / Thou
didst die for our good, / hast gained us completely for
Thyself; - /: Thy love never leaves us. :/
2. How much sorrow hast Thou endured, / how many tears hast
Thou wept! / All that which we were guilty of / lay com-
bined upon Thee, O Lord. / Through Thy blood we are recon-
ciled, / shall be crowned with Thee there. /: Thy love
never ends. :/
3. Yea, Thy love to the uttermost / brought rest to our souls, /
that we now in Thy peace / wend our way toward Thy habita-
tion. / Thy joy is to bless, / to meet all kindly. /: Thy
love never rests. :/
4. Do we go through conflict and sufferings? / Thy love holds
us fast. / Do we see all things part here? / Thy love
never leaves us. / Tribulation also will disappear; / every
conflict find its end. /: Thy love never disappears. :/

32 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Every word that God hath spoken, / well we know, is pure
and good; / Grace and Truth they bring His children, / bet-
ter far than finest gold. / Wondrous words, that bring sal-
vation, / love and joy from God to man, / Father, Thou
giv'st every nation, / in Thy Word, salvation's plan.
2. Here we find sweet words of pleading: - / Stern and true,
our God's command; / faith and doctrine; all we're need-
ing; / Fount of Life, in it is found. / Heavenly Scrip-
tures freely offer / grace to all who will receive; /
strength to tread the heavenly pathway, / Thy Word gives,
if we believe.
3. For this constant fount of blessing / in Thy Word, we
thank Thee Lord, / living manna; streams refreshing; /
from a fall, a staff to guard. / This Word makes the weak
ones mighty, / makes the foolish people wise; / 'Tis a flame,
a hammer weighty. / 'Tis a sword to crush Thy foes.

32 literal translation (poetical version see below)

1. Lord, the Word out of Thy mouth / is lovely, sweet, and
kind! / Good news, glad tidings, / better than the purest
gold! / Thy eternal thoughts for our salvation, / Thy love
without limits, / Thy heart inclined to us / Thou hast fully
shown us.

2. One thing is needful - to hearken to Thee, / to Thy Word full of grace and salvation; / to keep Thy teachings / is the very best portion of all. / Yea, the Word that Thou hast given, / it is truth, spirit, and life, / the bright light of our way - / he that follows shall not stray.
3. Grant, that we always hear the precious, / clear words of salvation, / and also keep them; / this is true blessing for us. / May we receive the Word, / that has gone forth from Thy mouth, / that is able to save us, / Lord, with meekness everyday.
4. Father, thanks for this fountain, / manna of life, gift of heaven, / this lamp for our soul, / this good staff for the wanderer! / Thanks for this power for the weak, / wisdom to make fools wise; / thanks for this sword in war; / thanks for this way to victory!

1. On the Father's throne in the glory / our blessedness shines in the Son. / Yes, our salvation is now in His hands, / happiness, which will never end, / is that He is our portion.

2. He who has risen to the power of His reign / out of the bondage of the grave, / out of the darkness of death. / He, the crown of heaven, He, the delight of His Father, / carries us on His breast as High Priest.
3. For ever He is highly exalted over death and the grave, / and from above the light comes down to us. / Light, which leads us to the place of rest / which He, who has won the victory, / has prepared for us.
4. Heavenly rapture, now to be in Him, / to behold Him happily, to rejoice in Him. / Praise the Lord, my soul! / Shout with joy towards heaven! / In every breath declare what He has done for you!

1. Lord Jesus, Thou hast won the eternal redemption for us; / grace and righteousness hast Thou united at the cross. / Oh, how Thy blood / now works wonders of grace! / Life streams from Thy wounds.

2. Praise to Thee, O great Redeemer, Thou hast accomplished it! / He who now turns in faith to Thee and the mercy-seat / he shall be reconciled, / he shall be crowned with grace, / he shall be given rest of heart.
3. Even if the sun should be quenched in heaven's vault, / or should the mountains plunge into the sea, Thou remainest the Same! / Thou dost not waver; / Thy light refreshes us eternally; / faithful art Thou, eternally the Same.

1. Praise the Saviour, O soul, the Saviour of sinners! / Praise Him all you redeemed children of Adam! / Sing with power to Him who has made you whole, / to Him, the Strong One, the Overcomer!
2. Praise the Shepherd, the good Shepherd who laid down His life / who has procured eternal redemption for you by His sacrifice. / He - with His blood - has forever accomplished, / even more than sin had destroyed.

3. Praise the Saviour and be not weary in praising! / Let the world, let sin, let Satan and doubts rage as they will / The time is short! His coming is at hand; / then you will praise and glorify on high.

1. Thy work of redemption upon earth, / Thou, O Jesus, hast accomplished. / That which was to be completed / Thou hast carried out with might. / Thou hast died for us Thyself, / hast won grace and salvation for us, / and Thy victorious resurrection / lets us walk in liberty.
2. All the names of Thy redeemed people / Thou dost bear always upon Thy breast. / All who have come to Thee / are and remain Thy delight. / Thou dost preserve those who believe on Thee, / no one shall ever be able to rob them of Thee; / Thy faithful eye watches always, / Thy hand carries them with might.
3. To Thee, Lord Jesus, to Thee belong/ thanks, worship, praise and honour! / Thou hast led us out of the world / and hast transferred us into the sanctuary, / to praise Thee there eternally. / Thou hast raised us to Thyself, / to glorify Thee always, / to God's honour and glory.

1. O let us praise God / and bring Him honour and worship /
offer to Him the songs of thanksgiving / together, as
members of Christ!
2. Because God is full of compassion / a Father, who has grant-
ed / forgiveness and eternal life, / in His Son to us, poor
as we were.
3. He came down on earth for us / to become our Saviour; /
sent by God, He has / accomplished the great work.
4. Praise Him, praise the Lord, ye saints! / Soon He will
come again / and will present the overcomer's crown /
there at the throne.
5. Then all His own / will gather around the Lamb / and praise
His name. / Praise be to Him forever, Amen!

1. Heavenly love, which cannot be expressed in earthly terms! /
Lord of Lords, whom all tongues will one day confess! /
Didst Thou not alone / take the sinner's place in judgment /
to be able to set them free?

2. Lord over all heaven and Saviour of the sinful soul / every thought and every feeling express what Thou art to us, / like a river of joy / which flows for us / out of the spring of mercies.
3. Praise the Saviour, O soul! He has forgiven you, / He carried your sins and gave you eternal life. / He fought the fight; / and now instead of suffering / Jesus has given you peace and joy.

1. Who, O Jesus, comprehends Thy love, / who the value of Thy blood! / Love alone has moved Thee, / even to become our portion. / Thou didst bear our sins; / didst give us eternal rest in Thyself.
2. Nothing can separate us any more, / nothing can condemn us any more; / Neither death, nor reproach, nor suffering, / nor the mighty host of Satan. / Eternally we are, to Thy praise, / Thy redeemed possession.

3. Therefore our life belongs to Thee, / our praise to Thee alone. / It is blessed to yield ourself to Thee, / to consecrate ourself to Thy service, / and - obedient to Thy Word - / to follow Thee, faithful Refuge!

1. Amen, Amen, Jesus, hasten, / still the longing of Thy bride./ Rend the clouds mightily, / that our eyes may behold Thee! / Arise on the horizon, / morning Star, break through the night! / Oh, that Thy bride were already reigning / there with Thee in heaven's splendour!
2. Amen, Amen, break Thy silence, / let us no more go on separated; / let us soon in blessed circles / stand there gathered around Thee. / Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly, / show Thyself in Thy splendour / Amen, Amen, Oh complete / that which Thou hast accomplished for us.

1. O Lord Jesus, what heights / what depths of eternal grace / are seen in Thee when on the cross, / Thou didst atone for our guilt! / How fervent is Thy love / that Thou has humbled Thyself, / and, constrained by this love, / Thou has presented Thyself as a sacrifice.
2. The counsel and will of Thy Father / was for the blessing of sinners. / Thou wast ready to carry out with full heart / to fulfil this will. / Now the Father has highly exalted Him / above all far and wide. / Everything shall praise Thee / and bring Thee glory and honour.
3. Thou wilt catch us up to Thyself / and soon we shall see Thee. / O what a joyful rapture / when we go to meet Thee! / What a joy to be with Thee! / Blessed coming morning / when the bride makes haste to greet Thee / and her eyes will see Him in glory.

1. Lord, in order to free the captives / and to be salvation to those who could not save themselves, / Thou camest down from above. / All our guilt and misery and pain / Thou didst take upon Thyself / out of love and Thy free will. / To give peace to the weary / and salvation to us miserable ones, / Thou didst stoop down / and didst bring us, the lost ones, back again.

2. Thou, who wast in flesh here on earth, / even today, though unseen, Thou art still / present here and in control of all. / Thou carriest our infirmities. / If we are unable to climb the steep path, / Thou bearest us up, / Thou carest for those who are heavy laden / Thou givest courage and strength for victory, / through Thy spirit to do the works of God.

1. O faithful Shepherd my light and life! / Faith clings to Thee without moving. / Let my heart be fully surrendered to Thee, / in Thee alone it truly is refreshed. / In Thee, my Saviour, who lovest so tenderly, / and only givest good things to all Thine own.
2. How well I am as a result of Thy wounds, / how peaceful it is to rest on Thy breast. / Since I have found Thee, O Lord, / I have the most beautiful and glorious part in Thee. / With every day the experience is renewed, / showing how good it is to serve Thee in faith.

3. I am Thine, Lord! I will remain Thine; / the only wish of my heart art Thou, Jesus. / Nothing can separate me from Thee anymore, / Thy true word promises me that. / So, with confidence, I continue towards heaven, / soon, O my hope, I will see Thee there.

1. So it must be, Thou hadst to suffer / Thy death has manifested the Father's love to us; / it is a source of joy for us, / it is the firm foundation of our salvation. / As truly as God has given Thee as a sacrifice for us, / so His love now flows down upon us.
2. Now we are Thine and heirs of God, / and can look into the heart of the Father; / we may suffer, we may die, / however, impossible ever to be lost again. / When sun, moon and earth will pass away / Thy grace, however, will remain for ever.

3. Accept, Lord, the thanks for Thy torments, / Thou, Saviour, was moved by the most faithful love! / Soon we will be able to tell Thee more perfectly, / when in heaven our voices will happily sing to Thee. / Then, all saints will join in joyfully, / the whole heaven shall be a witness then.

1. Our hymn ascends / to Thee, God of love. / To sing of Thy goodness / is only pleasure, only gain. / The grace opened / to us the way to glory. / Our hope presses thitherward; / there our portion lies prepared.
2. Yea, our souls praise Thee, / Thou God of might and love. / Who can tell Thy fame? / Who is rich, O Lord, like Thee? / In the place where there was no redemption of sin / and no deliverance from our misery, / there it was, salvation was found / through the atoning death of the Son.
3. Thou hast given us Jesus, / with Him all glory, / and He Himself will exalt us / to heaven's eternal joy. / Then, when the hearts of all shall burn / in beholding His splendor, / we shall fully know / Thy love, grace and might.

1. To our Father let us sing / a joyful song full of thanksgiving from the bottom of our hearts. / Let us lift our spirit up to our God / who graciously looks down on us, / and listens to us, full of grace and full of love; / come, praise joyfully, whoever is able to praise!
2. Let us sing unto Him! / However, we have only poor songs and a feeble heart. / He gave the greatest of all gifts, / His own Son, into sufferings, shame and pain; / He gave Him up for sinners into death, / who loves like Thee, O wonderful Saviour-God!
3. Lord, how good art Thou! - / O soul exalt Him, worship Him with adoration! / Sing about His love and tell forth, / that which He, the merciful, has done for us! / In the fullness of our hearts let us praise and thank Him; / to Him in joy sound out our notes of praise!

1. O my Lord Jesus Christ, / Thou art love, / Thou Lamb of God! / Out of Thy burning love, / with Thy precious blood, / Thou hast purchased me on the cross.

2. Eternal rithteousness, / Thou art my robe of honour / before my God. / In Thy blood alone / I am cleansed from sins, / holy, perfect, righteous, / but despised by the world.
3. Who wants to condemn me, / who does not at the same time / also despise Thee, Jesus! / Because I no longer live, / but my God and Lord, / Christ lives in me, / O power of God!
4. Thou art to me strength and light / and my confidence, / Redeemer, Thou! / In my pilgrimage / I look up to Thee, / Author and Finisher of faith, / Thou rest of our souls.
5. May worship, songs and thanks, / praise, glory ascend to Thee / all my life! / Although still in weakness now, / yet soon in power and unclouded light / in all eternity.

1. Thou, O Lamb of God, / didst die on the cross. - / Wonderful, holy love! / Thou hast brought us to God / out of slavery and deceit / and out of the darkness of sin.

2. Free from guilt and need, / service of sin and death! /
Thou, the peace of our soul, / givest Thine oil of joy /
both here in this time / and in eternity.
3. Lord of us all, / Jesus to Thee be honour! / O how Thy
work does shine forth / grace, glory and might! / To
Thee be brought thanks and praise / by day and by night!

1. Hallelujah! How delightful are / the heavens light above
us, / since Thou art seated in heaven; / since Thou hast
given us Thy living word / from the Father's throne /
and hast protected Thy flock. / Joyfully, / blessed /
faith looks / from the dust / up to the Son; / our home
is at the throne.
2. O precious Saviour, Jesus Christ, / how wonderful and
holy is, / that which has been given us in Thee! / Our
anchor holds for ever on Thee, / who watchest over Thy
loved ones / when the storms are raging. / Great Head, /
give and send / down abundantly / Thy life refreshing
streams / upon Thy members!

1. Who is like to Thee, / Jesus, sweet Rest! / (Thou) art
chosen by the Father / to save that which was lost, /
who is like to Thee, / Jesus, sweet Rest!
2. Thou didst go into death, / didst suffer anguish and
distress. / Hast been judged for us on the cross, / hast
destroyed the might of sin. / Judgment threatens no
more; / Thou didst go into death.
3. The might of Thy love / has completed the work. / And Thou
didst go back to the Father, / who had sent Thee down to
us, / when the work was completed / of the might of Thy
love.
4. On the throne of the Father / Thou wearest now the crown! /
(Thou) art highly exalted as Victor / and glorified on
high by God, / Thou wearest the crown of honour / on the
throne of the Father.
5. Lord, Thou wilt return - / O what blessed happiness! /
Wilt lead us out of conflict and sorrow / to Thee, to
eternal joys. / O what blessed happiness! / Lord, Thou
wilt return!

1. Thou didst break death's bonds, / almighty Saviour Thou; /
us, who stood afar off, hast (Thou) / brought to Thy rest.
2. Thy work Thou hast finished, / Thou hast fulfilled it for
us, / Thy suffering is ended, / and our heart is stilled.
3. In Thee is given us / an eternally secure salvation; /
Thou Thyself art our life, / art our precious portion.
4. Who can comprehend Thy grace, / who Thy love and might! /
On our pilgrim pathway / may thanks be brought to Thee
continually.

1. Father, Thou, the Fullness of love, / remainest ever faith-
ful and good. / Blessed is the heart, and still, / if it
rests in Thy love. / For our guilt Thou didst give / Thy
Son - O what grace! / Could it be that Thou shouldst give
the Son / and not think in love of us?

2. Yea, Thou carest without tiring / for us all, day and night. / We are never orphaned here below; / fatherly faithfulness guards us constantly. / For Thy love alone there is / nothing too great and nothing too small. / There where we go, there where we stand, / Thou dost let us see Thy love.

3. Thou refreshest and strengthenest the weary, / comfortest the heart of the weak, / leadest them in Thy peace, / leadest them through conflict and sorrow. / Thanks, O Father, thanks be to Thee, / praise and worship for ever and ever! / What privilege to sing to Thee / to praise Thee here and in heaven above!

1. O God, may Thy grace / alone satisfy us. / Then on Thy path will / our heart be constantly happy.

2. Should the way tire us, / and the conflict be difficult for us - / preserve us Thy peace, / and multiply Thy grace in us!

3. If Satan tries to harm us, / and the world would mock us - /
be comforted! We are in grace; / we are reconciled to
Thee.
4. Even when we suffer want, / and see no way out - / even
then nothing can separate us / because we stand in grace.
5. Thou wilt safely lead us / by Thy grace and faithfulness;
Thou wilt prepare us / until everything is completely new.

1. O holy assembly, / look up to Jesus joyfully, / whom God,
from eternity, has chosen / as Saviour of those once His
enemies! / To Him, who died on the cross, / who by dying
has obtained salvation for you, / who has acquired it for
you eternally, / to Him be sung praise and thanks.
2. God has given to you as Head / He, who is above all. /
You will live with Him eternally / because you are His
own body. / What He inherits also belongs to you, / and
He loves you for evermore; / you the cause of all His
pain, / are the closest to His heart!

3. O holy assembly, / look up to Jesus joyfully! / He, who has united you with Him in such a way, / inclines His heart and ear to you. / That you love Him now in return / and give Him your whole heart, / gives Him more joy than all the universe; / all your glory shall be in Him!

1. Thou, the Lamb hast endured / the judgment for sin, the cross and death. / On Thee was laid what we have been guilty of / against the righteous God. / Thou hast completely honoured Him, / and Thy blood, so dear and precious, / has cleansed us from all sins, / so that none can be found again.
2. Once again we have shown forth Thy death, / and have thought of Thee; / Thy love has kindled us, / because Thou hast brought us to God. / Thanks and worship we bring to Thee, / O Lamb of God, even here! / More beautiful will sound forth the praise / there from all Thy saints together.

1. Lord, Thou directest all things well! / Yes, Thou wilt carry us with / great faithfulness in all situations; / with Thy hand which doeth wonders. / Lord Thou directest all things well.
2. Lord, how faithful is Thy heart indeed! / With Thee, we are well in safety. / Thou dost free us from all cares, / Thou dost allay the greatest pain. / Lord how faithful is Thy heart indeed!
3. Lord, how rich we are in Thee! / The richest treasures of this earth / cannot replace the happiness / which we enjoy even here. / Lord, how rich we are in Thee!
4. Lord, with Thee is our home! / Soon taken away from all trials, / transfigured we will praise Thee / with the most beautiful song of victory. / Lord, with Thee is our home!

1. With longing we look to Thee, / the perfect One, towards
the goal; / Thou art gone ahead, / what Thy mouth has
promised will be fulfilled: / to prepare the place in our
Father's land, / to lead us to the end / with Thy faithful
Shepherd's hand. / So, the plan of God is neither hidden /
nor dark before us; / soon a more beautiful morning / will
shine its full light upon us.
2. To be united with Thee/ is our salvation because we are
Thine. / O may our walk already here on earth, / be a heaven-
ly one! / To cling steadfastly to Thee / and only look upon
Thee, / how Thou hast walked before / fully trusting God: /
May holy endeavour be the joy of our hearts! / For after our
life of pilgrimage, / we shall enter into the joy.

1. Lord, Thou hast prevailed over / the might and mockery of
the foe; / we have found salvation, / our God is for us.
2. Reconciled by Thee to God / we are saved and delivered /
-although scorned - / now (we are) Thine in eternity.
3. Peace has been won, / the horror of death flees; / Thou
hast suffered for us, / the triumphant song remains for us.

4. What can now separate us / from Thy love, O Lord? / Not shame, nor conflict, nor sufferings. / Praise and honour be to Thee.

1. Lord, direct our hearts / and our whole mind / upon Thy anguish and suffering / and upon Thy sacrifice!
2. Thou didst allow Thyself to be accused; / Thou wast mocked, spit upon, / derided, and beaten, / Thou Lord of glory!
3. Thou wast forsaken of God, / that He might be with us; / by Thy dying on the cross / we are now free from death.
4. O Lamb, be highly extolled! / Thou didst bear the whole guilt. / Thanks be to Thee! Thou hast shown / only grace, love, and kindness.

1. Christ, He is my life / and to die is my gain; I have yielded myself to Him; / now I know to whom I belong.
2. He has died for me / so that I may live, / has gained salvation for me, / Oh, it is well with me for evermore!
3. He now liveth there above, / where our Father is; / let us praise Him for ever, / Him, who will never forget us!
4. He liveth, He liveth for evermore, / Christ, my Saviour mine! / Therefore I shall never be / the prey of death.
5. Thee I will praise eternally / and thank Thee for ever, / already here and soon up there, / where nothing shall separate me from Thee.
6. Let me then stay with Thee, / Thou faithful Jesus Christ! / Let nothing drive me away from Thee, / Since Thou art my Saviour!

1. Thanks, O Father, for Thy grace, / Thy love, Thy might, /
that Thou from the sinner's path / hast brought us so
nigh to Thee! / "Abba Father", children call / "Abba", we
redeemed sinners. / Yes, as sons we cry to Thee / by the
Spirit, "Abba" Father.
2. Far from Thee, laden with the curse, / we lay in sin's
night. / Christ's blood has in grace / delivered us from
the curse. / Thou hast given us in the Son / redemption,
eternal life / Oh! we thank Thee for this - / "Abba",
Father! Praise be to Thee!

1. Oh, how unspeakably blessed / we shall be in heaven, /
where Thine own continuously / rejoice with Thee, O
Jesus! / There, without suffering and tears / will continue
eternally our delight. / Lord! To what happiness / wilt
Thou lead us after this time!
2. What wonders of Thy goodness / will increase our happiness!/
With adoring soul our eyes will then see: / Thy grace is
overflowing / our inheritance is incorruptible, / but more
than all this is / what Thou, Jesus, art Thouself for us.

3. There the multitude of Thy saints / shall be one in heart
and soul, / glory and thanks and songs of praise / conse-
crated to Thee, loving Jesus, / who has even Thine own life /
sacrificed willingly for us. / Now and always will be due to
Thee / blessing, might and glory.

63 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Bright the prospect is of dwelling / in the Father's House
above. / Where Thou art a Home preparing, / for the children
of Thy love. / There with joy Thy face we'll gaze on, / First-
born among many brethren, / Oh, what happiness 'twill be, /
when above our Lord we see.
2. All our souls go out in longing / to that Home of joy and
peace, / where the sighing and the weeping / and the strife
forever cease. / Neither eye nor ear could know it, / and
no heart of man could show it, / but Thy Spirit now can tell /
what 'twill be with Thee to dwell.
3. Here we're like a bird that's wandering / far from its
desired nest: / But Thy Spirit e'er is telling / There's a
Home where all is rest. / From afar we glimpse the glory, /
as we listen to the story / of the place prepared on high /
by our Lord Who came to die.

4. Lord, Thou'rt coming, coming quickly / for Thy Bride, to
take her Home. / There she'll sing the songs of victory /
hear that gracious word, "Well done"! / There Thy love for-
ever singing, / praises for Thy grace still bringing. /
Ceaseless songs of thanks we'll raise / as upon Thy face
we gaze.

63 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. It is lovely to dwell with Thee, / Lord, in Thy Father's
house, / where, to reign in splendour Thou / once didst go,
before Thine own. / There, there we shall see Thee again, /
Firstborn among many brethren, /: What delight that shall
be! :/
2. Our soul's whole longing / reaches upward to Thee, O Lord, /
where sorrows and tears / and groans cease; / where the old
things have disappeared / and then no more shall be found /
:what ever has burdened Thine own. :/

63 literal translation (poetical version see before)

3. As a bird far from its nest, / so we walk upon the earth; /
but our inheritance is sure to us, / for Thy Spirit we have
the earnest of it. / Thou leadest us still through the wil-
derness, / where we hunger, where we thirst - /: we are on
the way to Thee. :/
4. Soon, Lord, Thou shalt come to meet us, / and shall change us
in a moment / and take us from this world of strangers / up
to the Father's house; / where we shall sing of Thy love /
shall bring Thee praise, worship, and thanks, /: exulting
eternally in Thy honour. :/

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1. O Thou Rock of ages! / Life, salvation and assurance / grace
gave unto me, in Thee, / who hast opened Thyself to me. /
Water and blood flowed from Thee, / wonderful flood of grace!
2. Rock of ages, out from Thee / flows strength and comfort
to me here. / Grant, that my eye shall never again / turn
away from Thy grace; / grant, that with confidence I rest /
on Thee, and do not faint.

3. Here during my pilgrimage / to Thee belongs my song of
praise; / but when I shall be with Thee, / then only, shall
I praise Thee wholly and simply; / Thou my glory, Thou my
joy, / Jesus, Rock of ages!

1. O what exultation to stand before God, / O what joy to see
Thee, Jesus, / to feed constantly upon Thee, / to see Thee
in Thy light, face to face, / and never to be apart from
Thee!
2. Made free for ever, far off any torment, / given to drink
joys without number / in the majestic nearness of God! /
Then in that moment / the full height of Thy grace is
shown / in the unspeakable happiness of Thine own.
3. O God, how manifold are Thy blessings! / The joys are with-
out measure and end, / high above all expectation! / O
glory in eternity; / what are the sufferings of this time? /
As nothing are all tears!

1. O Jesus, we extol Thee, / and our hearts rejoice / at the glory, at the majesty, / To which God, Thy God, has exalted Thee.
2. Thy work on earth is completed; / Thou hast destroyed the enemies' might. / Thy blood has reconciled us unto God, / and God has crowned Thee with honour.
3. Thou art there at the right hand of God / and dost strengthen us by Thy precious word, / that we may endure in the good fight / until we see Thy countenance above.
4. It is Thy pleasure to draw us near to Thyself; / so grant, Lord Jesus, that we too / may seek that which is above / where Thou, our glorified Saviour, art.
5. There shall our soul fully / rejoice in Thee, O Source of life! / Soon we shall sing to Thy glory / a new song in the sanctuary.

1. Thou, in whom all heavens rejoice, / also our soul rejoices
in Thee, / that Thou, O God, who art eternally, / art our
Father in Christ.
2. Far wider than all our thinking / extends the glory of Thy
name, / and of Thy love and Thy grace, / which has made us
free from all our sin.
3. We praise Thee in this world, / which still, in malice,
pleases itself, / but the hope raises us / to praise Thee
in the eternal choir.
4. As in the sanctuary of heaven, / here too on earth Thy fame
will be praised: / Thine is the power and glory / from eter-
nity to eternity!

1. Accomplished is the work accomplished / by Thee, Saviour,
is our salvation! / The curse of sin is turned away, / Thy
blessing, instead, is our part. / Thou, who camest down to
give us eternal life / and light and joy, / didst sit down
on the Throne of God. / For Thee, every boast is too small, /
O Thou, the head of creation, / and King of Kings, the Son
of the Father!
2. Add to our faith courage and life / so that we may lift our-
selves up in Thy strength / above space and time, / towards
Thee, into Thy glory! / O Thou, who has snatched us / from
the darkness of eternal death / and made us now acceptable
unto God; / Thou, Lord and leader of us all, / mighty gov-
ernor of all the universe, / soon Thou wilt manifest Thy-
self in all Thy splendour!
3. Soon Thou wilt gloriously come again. / Lord Jesus come! -
Thy saints as pilgrims here are longing / for the Father's
land, for Thee. / O gather soon the number of Thine own /
for Thy blessed appearance / on clouds, in majesty! / O
come! We wish to abide with Thee / in the Father's House
and to be quickly there / where the Father's presence de-
lights us.

1. Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth, / whom earth and heaven serve; / Thou God of all creation / and for men, who are reconciled / and sanctified through the blood of Jesus, / the highest blessing, highest blessing!
2. Praise and thanks, praise and thanks / be rendered to Thee eternally, / that Thou hast given us the Son, / hast made us Thy children / through Him, who for our life / and for the cleansing of our guilt and sin / went into death, went into death!
3. Lord and God, Lord and God, / of whose praise there should be no silence, / neither by day nor by night in the Assembly, / which He has purchased by His blood. / He became man because we were dead / so that He might give us life / for ever and for ever.
4. Wonderful, wonderful / are O God Thy counsels of grace! / The brightness of the Son shines out clearly / here on our pilgrim pathway, / how He came full of grace and truth; / until we shall see His friendly face there / in the light, see in the light

1. Lord, the glory of Thy name, / giveth joy, comfort and salvation, / yes precious above all is / what Thou Lord Jesus Christ art.
2. How Thou lovest us, how boundless / is Thy grace, how divinely great! / What Thou hast finished on the cross for us, / Thy love has revealed to us.
3. There Thy precious blood was shed, / there Thou didst bear the wrath of the enemies, / Thou didst deliver us from sin and death / and hast opened for us the way to God.
4. Never shall our mind forget / what Thou art for us, O God and Lord! / Thy face full of grace shall shine for ever / for us in the brightest light.
5. However, only then the heart will be satisfied / and our joy totally complete, / when we shall go to meet Thee, Lord, / and shall see Thee in the glory.
6. Come, Thou whom our soul loveth, / who givest us life and all things! / Come and fulfil our earnest supplication / and let us see Thee in heaven!

1. The good Shepherd, who has borne / the sufferings of His
sheep here, / and instead of punishment, / now gives us
the joys of eternal salvation.
2. Thou fillest our hearts / with the joy, which Thou hast
already obtained / for us through great anguish and pains, /
Thou Son of God!
3. This joy which is ours / can be found in Thee alone. / O
come then and refresh us, / lead us to Thyself!
4. To hear Thy Shepherd's voice / is what rejoices our heart, /
Thou who hast given us in Thyself / more than we could ask
or think.
5. But even more than to hear Thee, / is to see Thyself soon /
because Thou wilt transfigure us also, / who trust in Thee,
Lord.
6. O what a delight to see Jesus! / To see Thee as Thou art! /
Where we will enter the rest / which will be ours into all
eternity.
7. May we soon sing to Thee up there / with Thee in the glory, /
where the redeemed ones will bring Thee / praise and glory
in eternity!

72 poetical version (literal translation see below)

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, / it calms the troubled
breast; / 'Tis manna to the hungry soul, / and to the weary
rest.
3. Blest Name, the rock on which we build, / our shield and
hiding-place; / our never-failing treasury, filled / with
boundless stores of grace.
4. Jesus, our Saviour, Shepherd, Friend, / Thou Prophet, Priest
and King, / our Lord, our Life, our Way, our End, accept the
praise we bring.
5. Weak is the effort of our heart, / and cold our warmest
thought; / but when we see Thee as Thou art, / we'll praise
Thee as we ought.
6. Till then we would Thy love proclaim / with every fleeting
breath; / and triumph in Thy blessed Name / which quells
the power of death.

72 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. Name of Jesus, O how sweet / dost Thou sound in the believer's ear! / Name, which I greet joyfully, / Thou art highly praised by the choir of the redeemed.
2. Thou takest away grief, healest pain / and removest every fear, / comfortest the hearts of the sorrowful; / givest blessed rest to the weary.
3. Jesus, treasure and fullness of grace, / Thou my shield and hiding place, / light on my pilgrim's path, / rock in the storm and sure refuge!
4. Lord and Saviour, Shepherd and leader, Priest, King and Prophet, / Creator and Upholder of the universe, / word that will remain for ever.
5. Thou my life, my way and end, / accept my praise, and my thanksgiving; weak is what I send above, / weak my thoughts of Thee.
6. But when I see Thee Lord, / then shall I praise Thee worthily; / will completely devote myself in praise / to Thee, Jesus, eternally.

7. May every breath and aspiration / exalt Thy love; / to Thee belongs my whole life, / without reservation, in sincerity!
8. Lord, in Thy holy name, / I triumph in all eternity; / in Thee is the Yea and Amen; / to Thee alone is devoted all my praise!

1. Lamb, wounded and laden, / afflicted with heavy pain, / all our sins and our unrighteousness / have come upon Thee.
2. Thou hast poured Thy soul / wholly unto death; / Thy life was sacrificed / for our guilt, on the altar.
3. Out of the heat, out of the fire / of Thy sufferings there came forth / a fragrance so sweet and precious, / which rose up to God.
4. To Thee the Saviour, who didst not shrink from this anguish, / and didst not draw back, / to Thee belongs the myriads as spoil, / to Thee the many owe all their happiness.
5. Thou, once laden with sin, / hast suffered on the cross, / myriads will exalt Thee for ever, / for the greatest act.

74 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. We wait for Thee, O Son of God, / and long for Thine appearing; / "A little while" - Thou'lt come, O Lord, / Thy waiting people cheering. / Thus hast Thou said: we lift the head / in joyful expectation, / for Thou wilt bring salvation.
2. We wait for Thee, for Thou, e'en here, / hast won our hearts' affection; / in spirit still we find Thee near, / our solace and protection. / In cloudless light and glory bright / we soon with joy shall greet Thee, / and in the air shall meet Thee.
3. We wait for Thee; / Thou wilt arise / whilst hope her watch is keeping; / forgotten then, in glad surprise, / shall be our years of weeping. / Our hearts beat high, the dawn is nigh / that ends our pilgrim story / in Thine eternal glory.

74 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. We wait for Thee, O Son of God, / and love Thine appearing. /
Soon the time of waiting will have passed / soon Thou wilt
come for Thine own. / He who believes on Thee / lifts up
his head, / and joyously looks towards Thee; / Thou art
coming for salvation and blessing.
2. We wait for Thee, Thou hast / already won our heart. / Now
Thou art near us in the Spirit, / yet Thou wilt visibly
come. / Then, Lord Thou wilt give us / rest near Thee, /
joy with Thee, / exalt us to glory.
3. We wait for Thee - Thou art surely coming. / The time will
soon have passed. / Already we rejoice in this / with hearty
longing. / What will happen / when we see Thee, / when Thou
wilt bring us home, / where we sing to Thee eternally.

1. Thou art He who lovest us in Christ, / Thou God full of grace and kindness. / Thou art He who constantly gives so richly, / Thy heart never grows weary. / And how Thou dost love, / and how Thou dost give, / to constantly make us happy, / can never be expressed.
2. Yes, truly our happiness is great; / we have sprung from Thee! / Thou didst make us - what a precious future - / To be Thy housecompanions. / We are still on pilgrimage / as strangers here. / Yet nothing can separate us, / because we call Thee Father.
3. Thanks to Thee for Thy love and grace! / Thy name be praised! / O Father, thanks for the patience, / which Thou hast constantly shown us. / Soon we shall there / evermore / bring praise and honour to Thee, / and sing of Thy grace.

1. Thou didst lead us into sanctuary, / we are not separated any more; / we sing the praise of Thy name, / and worship in peace. / O glowing love! / Thou didst give Thy blood. / Completely cleansed from sin / we are united with Thee.

2. Nothing separates us any more; the heart of the Father /
is given us in Thee -- / that heart, that constantly in
sorrow and grief / thinks of us so lovingly. / It lifts
up and bears, / it cares for and tends, / it blesses without
tiring, / neglects none here below.

3. How unspeakable is that grace, / how rich that fullness of
blessing, / which constantly brightens our pathway / and
makes our heart so quiet! / O grant that we / in faith here /
may gaze upon Thee, O Jesus, / and understand Thy love!

1. Where is a Father, God, as Thou, / who so remembers us, /
Loves us, and blesses us as Thou, / and gives to us all in
Christ? / What are we lacking, now yet further, / since we
have Thee as Father, / Thou Giver of all gifts?

2. Thou hast spent so much on us / for our salvation and life, /
didst send to us Thine own Son, / didst offer Him up for
us! / Who, thus inclined, / dost show Himself to sinners - /
how shouldst Thou then less / provide for Thy children?

3. Always Thy father-heart remains to us / open in Jesus Christ. / There we flee in need and grief / with child-like trusting hope. / And there, there we rest / gently and well; / there we are well sheltered / and free from all cares.
4. Thou dost love us. That is enough / to grant us comfort here. / Thou dost love us; that is enough / to keep us glad eternally. / Therefore let us, too, / in childlike simplicity / moved by Thy Spirit, / honour Thee and love Thee.

1. Truly Lord, Thou didst carry, Thyself, / the punishment for our sins; / Thou hadst to feel the pains for us upon Thyself; / we all went astray, without Shepherd, poor and naked; / but God cast our guilt upon Thyself and set us free.
2. Freed, no condemnation can ever reach us in all eternity; / we have part with Thee and shall inherit with Thee, / the only begotten Son, to whom alone and for ever / will belong the whole blessing of the Father.

3. Rejoicing in such a salvation, we praise and give thanks, / we glory in Thy grace, Thy love without limit. / Worship be to Thee, Jesus, our precious Lord! / Soon we shall see Thee, Thy coming is not far away.

1. May grace be with all, / the grace of our Lord, / the Lord whom we follow here, and look forward to His coming.
2. In grace we may trust; / may trust in it without regret, / and if we should ever be afraid, / it remains, the Lord is faithful.
3. On the very narrow path / we are not able to go one step, / therefore Thy grace will go / with us till the end.
4. That we may not faint, / grace must be with us, / it imparts patience and faith / to us for our victory.
5. Nothing shall seem a loss to us, / whatever we give up for Jesus; / we have His grace / which is more than all else.
6. Lord, let it please Thee, / we cry still again: / "Grace be with all, / grace be with me!

1. Where is such a God as Thou, / full of longsuffering, might and grace! / Thou leadest sinners into Thy rest / from the paths of destruction. / Thou didst penetrate deeply / the night of sin, / didst give Thine Only-Begotten / for the deliverance of the lost.
2. Where is such a God as Thou - / who can comprehend Thy love! / For Thine enemies Thou didst let / Thy Son languish in death./ Righteousness / became our dress; / salvation, light, and life / were given us in Him.
3. Where is such a God as Thou, / so faithful in every situation! / Who helps in need? Who cares as Thou? / Without rest from day to day! / O faithful, safe retreat, / let us here as well as in heaven / sing of Thy love, / bring Thee praise, honour, and thanks!

1. I long for Thee! / My Saviour, God has exalted Thee; / Thou art at His right hand above. / But I am walking here - / And I long for Thee.

2. I long for Thee! / Here on life's pilgrimage / my eye seeks
Thee - Oh, do not tarry long! / I am burdened here, / and
long for Thee.
3. I long for Thee! / How should I be afraid of want and death? /
Thou leadest me from faith to sight. / I live and die to
Thee here; / I long for Thee.
4. I long for Thee! / Thou knowest the desires of my heart; /
Thou seest and driest my tears. / Thou art never far from
me; / I long for Thee.

1. Lord, Thou art gone on before, / our place is prepared; /
Thou art coming again to receive us / to end all (our)
sorrows. / Before the judgments shall rage / we shall be
raised up to Thee; / Ere the day of wrath appears, / Thou
wilt have us united with Thee.
2. Strengthen us now on Thy pathway, / that we may faithfully
follow after Thee, / never neglecting Thy grace. / Keep us
sober, keep us awake! / Until Thee, Jesus, still hidden, /
wilt on that new morning / be only our joy, / and we shall
consecrate eternal praise to Thee.

1. Jesus, faithful Lord of Thine own, / Sun of all glory, / let Thy light shine brightly on us, / make our hearts ready for Thee! / Thou art here, we are gathered, / Lord, in Thy holy name; / keep our hearts open / and let Thy life penetrate us.
2. O revive all the members, / Thou, the glorified head of the body; / drive out what is against Thee / and what deprives Thee of Thy influence. / Lord, reveal to us in clearness / Thy love, grace and truth, / God's glory and mercy, / His faithfulness and patience.
3. Grant that every heart may turn / to Thee, Lord of glory; / that every soul may desire / Thee, and only Thee, in eternity. / Thy joy is to bless, / to meet everyone graciously, / so that all, pure and faithful, / may be devoted wholly on Thee!

1. Should I not sing to Thee, O God / should I not be thankful to Thee? / Should I not in all things / always rejoice in Thy love? / It is love, nothing but love / that moves Thy faithful heart, / love, that nourishes and sustains me, / even if it were ever so gloomy around me. / O let me therefore trust in Thee, / always and completely rely on Thee.
2. For me, in time past lost, / for me, who was dead in sins, / Thou gavest Thine Only-Begotten. / Thou gavest Jesus Christ. / Who can fathom what Thou dost, / Who upon the whole earth? / Who of Thy host of angels / can experience how Thou lovest? / Thy love is always new, / eternal is Thy grace and faithfulness.
3. Since Thy gifts, Father, are without / number and without end, / I will lift up my hands to Thee, hear Thy child! / O may Thou grant me grace, / to devote my whole heart to Thee, / to rejoice in Thy love, / to exalt Thy praise here, / until I shall after this time, / love and praise Thee in eternity!

1. Only for a little while / I still walk here as a stranger; /
then I shall rest there with Thee, / most precious Lord,
eternally. / Soon I shall behold Thee, my Jesus, / and
follow Thee happily in pastures of peace.
2. Here in the desert, / when I am weary, / hungry and thirsty, /
Thou leadest me to the well; / knowest so kindly how to re-
fresh me, / givest heavenly gifts by Thy Spirit.
3. But here far away - / Lord, what can compare with Thy presence?/
I would so gladly / depart hence today, / I wish, Lord, I
could already now / dwell with Thee for ever near the thrones.
4. Ther it is so glorious, / where Thou, my Saviour art / and
where everything is joyful / and full of blessed delight, /
where everybody shall bring Thee praise and honour, / and
sing of Thy love, Lord, for evermore.
5. That strengthened mightily, / to continue to follow Thee, /
till I shall see Thee magnificently / in heaven's bliss. /
Soon I am able to hail joyfully / Thy great name the Amen,
Amen!

1. Thou who hast conquered for us salvation, / Thou, Son of God, who didst become man. / To Thee be sung praise eternally / that Thou hast come from the heaven's throne / and become flesh for our sake, / and that full of compassion / and according to the counsel before time began, / Thou hast taken pity on the sinners / and becamest their salvation; / Thou art praised, Lord Jesus Christ.
2. On the cross, in Thy dying, / which came upon Thee for the sinners' sake, / Thou hast carried all our punishment / in order to make propitiation for us. / Thou hast made us free for ever, / and consecrated for us the new way / to the throne of God's grace / by Thy blood, O Son of God. / Now we stand in the sanctuary / and proclaim Thy glory.
3. Lord, how great is Thy love! - / this shout fills Thy house; / its height, its depth / will never be measured by any mortals. / The great waters of judgment / could not quench the holy fire; / even in the deepest sufferings / Thou still lovest all those who hated Thee. / Nobody can comprehend Thee, / amazed we worship Thee.

1. We thank Thee, faithful Saviour, / that Thou hast not left us / as uncared-for orphans here / on unknown streets. / With strange people in a strange land / where all ways are untrodden / there we see Thy steps. / We never stand deserted, / Thou art near us everywhere, / Thou dost live in our midst.
2. Thou art near us with Thy Spirit, - / O blessed, holy nearness! - / Who proves Himself so living / as though we were seeing Thee Thyself. / Art our light in the dark valley, / refreshest through the beaming of Thy love, / art drink and food for our soul. / Dost stand at our side by word and deed, / and dost Thyself give us escort / on our pilgrim journey.
3. Therefore we thank Thee, O Saviour, / for Thy love and faithfulness. / Oh, that here already every heart / Might consecrate itself to Thy praise! / For that is our bliss, / Is sweet comfort in all sorrow, / as long as we wend our way here. / And when we shall there see Thy countenance / and fully understand Thy love, / eternal praise shall resound.

1. Laud, honour, praise, and thanks be to Thee, / O Jesus, our life! / Thou only art worthy for ever and ever / who can exalt Thee enough! / Thou art the Son of the Most High, / at the right hand on Thy Father's throne / crowned with honour and glory. / Every creature exists through Thee, / for Thee alone are all things, / Thou art He who reconciled them.
2. Thou, O Lord, hast once for our good / come into this world; / Flesh and blood hast Thou voluntarily / taken upon Thyself for sinners. / Thou didst present Thyself as an offering, / to save that which was lost / Thou didst become a curse on the earth, / O grace that has otherwise no equal; / Thou didst die for our iniquity, / to obtain life for us.
3. Therefore honour, praise, and thanks be to Thee, / O Jesus, our life! / Thou only art worthy for ever and ever, / who can exalt Thee enough! / Thou art the eternally flowing Fountain, / the fullness that alone stills the heart, / Thou art the Sun of life. / Soon Thou wilt exalt us unto Thyself; / then shall our eyes behold Thee / to our eternal joy and bliss.

1. Of Thy pains and / of Thy glory sings / the multitude of
redeemed hearts, / freed from guilt and death. / Lord
Jesus, thanks be unto Thee, / Thou Saviour of the lost, /
from the redeemed ones here!
2. Thou art the eternal life, / the light in the dark night, /
with joy we exalt, / Lord, the greatness of Thy love, /
already here in this time / and soon in the Father's house /
during all eternity.
3. Triumph! Soon Thou wilt come / to take Thy saints up /
into the kingdom of eternal rest, / to Thee, great Saviour
Thou, / where, in perfection, / we shall behold Thee, Lord
Jesus, / in Thy glory.

1. Unto Jesus would I hasten, / home into the precious Father's
house! / Always, always dwelling with Him / O what joy! Who
can express it?
2. Only with Jesus my longing is quietened / only He stills
my yearning. / How shall I get used to things here, / where
all is desolate and empty for me.

3. O my Jesus, what rapture / shall it be for my soul / to behold Thee glorified, / to yield praise and thanks to Thee there!
4. Come, Lord Jesus, hear the pleading / hear the call so eager and loud: / Come and let me go there, / where we see Thee transfigured.

1. I will sing of Thy grace / that fills me with blessed rest, / will bring worship for Thy love. / Who loves, O God, who loves as Thou! / From wicked ways grace leads / the sinner, the lost one, away - / love hastens joyfully to meet him, / as though the only son were coming home.
2. Only grace it is which meets me / as long as I am here in weakness. / Fullness of love shall there bless me / when I come to my eternal home. / Though everything here below may waver, / though everything here may even end: / Grace knows no limits, / and love abides eternally.

3. How is it that I walk here securely? / Because Thy grace,
 O God, protects me. / How is it that I do not fall in
 conflict? / Because Thy love shields and supports me. /
 Yea, grace it is that constantly leads me, / and love that
 brings me into that place / where the dwelling place is
 prepared, / where I shall be for ever with Thee.

1. Who finds words to thank Thee, / O Father, God of eternity! /
 Thou gavest, O love without limits, / the Son, the Lord of
 glory; / Thou didst sacrifice Him, the Only-Begotten, /
 Thou didst send Him down to us; / for Thy enemies, the lost
 ones, / Thou didst give the Son to death and the grave.
2. Oh, well for us, that Thou, full of compassion, / that Thou,
 O God, art love, / and we in faithful father-arms / rest so
 securely through Jesus Christ! / In Him Thou gavest us sal-
 vation and life, / yea, everything - Oh, who loves so dear-
 ly! / A God who has given His Son, / such a God withholds
 nothing any more.

1. A pleasant lot is befallen us, / a beautiful inheritance granted to us; / to Thee, Lord, songs and praise shall sound forth, / Thou, Thou art worthy to be adored! / By grace Thou hast chosen us / and counted us to be Thy people.
2. Thou hast taken charge of us, / Thou hadst exceeding pity on us; / because we could not come to Thee, / Thou camest to us from above; / it was the most wonderful love, / which led Thee into misery on our account.
3. Thou sawest the sufferings of our fall / full of pity and compassion, / Thou gavest Thyself for us and therefore all, / more than a man could ever wish: / the sonship and the portion of the Son, / in the eternal life, eternal salvation.
4. We hope for nothing else but only good things / from Thy rich hand of love, / and walk now in good courage / through this empty pilgrim's land. / Already now Thou showest us in Thy word / the beauty of our inheritance there.

1. Thou who hast born the sins / Thou, Jesus, livest Thy grave is empty. / Silenced must be the accusations of the Enemy, / paid is our debt - so heavy. / Justified we sing: / O risen one, adoration be to Thee.
2. Thou hast broken the chains of death, / and art seated on the throne of God; / Thou livest to redeem completely, / Thou livest and intercedest now for us. / Who can ever pluck us out of Thy hand, / Thou glorified head?
3. Thou livest in order to protect Thine own, / Thou wilt never leave us lonely here; / Faith can fully rely on Thee, / Thou livest and Thou wilt never forsake us; / Thou livest and very shortly will / take Thy members to where Thou art.
4. Soon the daybreak will come of that day / when Thou, Lord, will take us up to Thyself; / Then our eyes will see / what we now believe: that Thou livest! / Then will resound throughout all eternity / honour, glory and praise for Thee.

1. O Jesus, name unequalled, / full of grace, comfort, and loveliness! / Worshipping, the angels bow / and marvel at Thy glory. / The fulness of the Godhead dwells in Thee. / In Thee, too, we are completed.
2. Thou art everything to us; / our Strength, / Redemption, Wisdom, Light, and Power. / Thou art the source of all the works / that Thy grace works in us. / Yes, what we have, what we are, / in Thee alone finds its source.
3. Lord Thy incomperable love / fills all our want here. / It flows in strife and in need so richly, / so gently upon us down from Thee. / And if Thou dost ever withhold anything from us, / it is only to our benefit.
4. May also fade away everything here below - / in this world nothing gives us rest. / What could be compared to Thee anyway? / Fullness of blessing Thou alone art, / (Thou) art eternally our riches; / we praise and worship Thee.

1. Name of Jesus! Who can fathom / Thy depth, Thy height! /
Who proclaim the grace and love, / the end of which I now-
here see! / Unsearchable remains here / the fullness of
Thy name to me.
2. Name of Jesus! Eternal Source / of all salvation and all
might, / art the Restingplace of my soul, / art my Light
in the dark night. / Thy love, faithfulness, and grace /
lead me on the desert path.
3. Name of Jesus! Safely hidden in Thee / I go through the
wilderness here, / walk free from anxiety and cares, / for
even Satan gives way before Thee. / When my eyes remain
fixed on Thee, / I do not waver and despond.
4. Name of Jesus! Strength of the weak, / rest of the weary,
Comfort in sorrow, / art a secure Lifeboat in the storm, /
healing for a sore heart, / Manna that nourishes the soul, /
Refuge while temptation lasts.
5. Name of Jesus! Pasture for the soul, / Hope that refreshes
the heart, / Morning star who from all sorrow, / from all
misery removes me. / Above I will fully understand / what
I have seen here in faith.

6. Name of Jesus! Sun of life, / Thou, the eternal Joy of the Father, / art also my pleasure and delight / now and throughout eternity. / Thy beams, full and free, / make creation new, too.

1. Who can praise Thee here worthily, / great God of Eternity! / That (which is) on earth and that (which is) above / testifies of Thy goodness. / Thou, Thou art worthy of praise; / Blessed, he who praises and honours Thee.
2. Who can fathom Thy love, / Thy grace, Thy favour! / (Thou) gavest Thy Son for our sins, / didst declare us free from all guilt. / Thou, Thou art worthy of praise; / blessed, he who praises and honours Thee.
3. Who can measure Thy faithfulness, / Thy longsuffering, care, and pain! / Although a woman may forget her child, / Thou wilt never forget Thine own. / Thou, Thou art worthy of praise; / blessed, he who praises and honours Thee.

4. Who can tell Thy greatness / and understand Thy wondrous doings! / Who can know Thee as Thou art, / and see into Thy depths! / Yes, Thou art worthy of praise; / blessed, he who praises and honours Thee.

98 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. On the Lamb our souls are resting, / what His love no tongue can say; / all our sins, so great, so many, / in His blood are washed away.
2. Sweetest rest and peace have filled us, / sweeter praise than tongue can tell; / God is satisfied with Jesus, / we are satisfied as well.
3. Conscience now no more condemns us, / for His own most precious blood / once for all has washed and cleansed us - / cleansed us in the eyes of God.
4. Filled with this sweet peace for ever, / on we go, through strife and care, / till we find that peace around us / in the Lamb's high glory there.

98 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. On the Lamb my soul is resting, / worships, full of admiration; / all, all my sins / His blood has put away.
2. Blessed restingplace! - Sweet peace / now fills my soul. / There where God rests with delight / I also am set at rest.
3. Here my conscience found rest, / for His blood - O rich fountain! / Has from all my sins / washed me clean and bright.
4. And with sweet rest in my heart / I go through conflict and suffering here. / I shall find eternal rest above / in the Lamb's glory.
5. There mine eye shall see Him / whose love has refreshed me here, / whose faithfulness has guided me, / whose grace has richly blessed me.
6. There the Lamb's love shall be sung of / by His dearly purchased host; / in Zion's blessed rest (they) shall bring / an eternal hymn of praise to Him.

1. Thou conquering Head, there in the glory, / crowned with honour and glory! / Thou dost look down, dost see us here in the conflict / dost see how the world sneers at us. / Yet we battle here below. / Thine arm strengthens us in the conflict. / We rest in Thy peace / freed from sin and death.
2. Draw us up, Thou who hast there the place / for us made ready. / We look upward to that blessed place / where we shall soon be brought. / We shall never perish / because we are beloved. / We shall inherit with Thee / when we shall be perfected.

100 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Soon Thou'rt coming! blessed story / Jesus, Saviour quickly
 Thou wilt come, / soon we'll leave this world so dreary, /
 ever with Thee in our Father's Home. / Thy redeemed ones in
 life's weary journey / ever meet the tempter and sin's strife:
 At Thy coming we'll ascend to join Thee, / gain with Thee in
 Heaven the crown of life.

2. Soon Thou'rt coming! Then we'll know Thee, / Even, Lord, as
Thou dost know Thy sheep. / There our love will glow more
brightly / when we fully know Thy love's vast deep. / Then
unceasing hymns of thanks and praising / Saints will offer.
Joy there has no bound; / while with harp and voice the
song we're raising, / praise will echo all the world around.
3. Soon Thou'rt coming! Saints be ready. / In the east the
morning star is bright. / Soon Thou'rt coming, and in glory /
Thy true likeness we shall see in light. / But we still must
battle onward bravely, / day by day must press on toward the
goal. / Teach us Lord to know Thy way so holy, / till we enter
peace and rest untold.

100 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. A little while - O blessed words! / Thou, O Jesus, shalt
soon return, / shalt lead us home out of a strange place /
into the Father's house to eternal joy. / Conflict and sor-
rows are the portion of Thine own / here in this short time
of pilgrimage. / All shall end, Lord, by Thine apparition /
going from affliction to glory.

2. A little while, then we shall know, / O Lord, as Thou hast known us. / Our heart shall fully burn / in the love that here already united us. / Honour and praise and thanks and songs of laud / shall never cease for all eternity, / and the sweet sounds of the harps of the saints / shall constantly resound to the honour of Thy name.
3. A little while! Teach us to watch! / The red glow of dawn already shows afar off. / Soon our bark shall land, / the one that carries us to Thee, our good Lord. / Teach us to watch, to fight without tiring, / every day brings us nearer still. / Teach us to walk entirely separated; / blessed rest follows after our conflict.

1. God, my faithful Guide, / thy power reaches further / than the power of the world. / Thou Thyself wilt protect me; / I may lean on Thee, / O Thou strong Champion. / Stand by me, keep me faithful; / let me trust Thy direction / hold myself fast to Thee.

2. I am on the journey, / seemingly an orphan, / weary and oppressed. / But in all hours / there is found in Thee / rest, which refreshes me. / Unknown, in a strange land, / I walk here separated, / Lord, in Thy peace.
3. Do I see all things depart, / do I go through conflict and sorrows, / Thou dost refresh me. / I am fully satisfied, / have enough here below, / if I have only Thee. / Quiet, calm to Thy will / to resign myself at all times, / may this remain my life here.

1. O God to honour Thee worthily, / Eternity is not sufficiently long / may Thy praise already increase here / to fill heart and mind entirely!
2. Thy love thought of us / ere the foundation of the world was laid; / Thy grace has watched over us / since this earth has been sustaining us.
3. But brightest beamed the sun / of Thy love and grace, O God, / when Thou didst Jesus, Thy delight, / give unto death for sinners.

4. Canst Thou ever give us anything higher? / Can love be yet greater? / And should we our life / not fully consecrate to Thee, O God?
5. To Thee we bring praise and honour, / thanks worship at all times. / Eternally we shall sing, / O God, Thy praise in glory.

1. Jesus, Thou keepest Thy hand / of blessing outstretched; / It is this hand which cares for me / and protects me in the foreign land. / Thou helpest in time of need, / carriest me full of mercy, / ledest me through this time / Thou faithful God.
2. Thine eye notices everything / whatever it may be; / Thou knowest every danger, / standest by me mightily. / Thou remainest with me, / Thou who takest away every sorrow / and fillest my heart with comfort; / O thanks be to Thee!

3. Thou art my fortress, my refuge, / my confidence, / how encouraging for me is Thy word: / "Only fear not!" / So, in spite of many obstactes, / which still may come, / my pathway will lead surely up to Thee.
4. At the end of this course - / how shall I feel then! - / I shall meet Thee personally, / my God and my Saviour. / How shall I then see Thee, / full of adoration, / stand before Thee in worship, / Hallelujah!

1. Lord Jesus, when I one day will see / Thee in glory up there, / then I can praise Thee worthily / and better exalt Thy fame. / But already now, here on my pathway, / I will praise Thee every day!
2. Thou art the true joy of my heart / my soul's purest light of life; / Thou Lord art my pleasure and pasture, / my comfort and my confidence. / Never allow again that I may leave Thee / O Jesus, be Thou all to me.

3. Thy faithful heart will not leave me; / Thy strong arm will keep me; / constantly Thy love will surround me, / I lean myself on The, my refuge; / so I shall walk through the stranger's place / towards home, in faith.
4. We shall remain unseparated eternally / no cross, no death can separate us; / Thou leadest me to perfect peace / into the Father's house, out of all misery, / where Thy bride soon will be enthroned / eternally with Thee and dwell with the Father.

1. Thou, O Lord, hast completed our salvation, / Thou didst go for us into death and the grave. / Thou hast removed the curse, / which was lying upon us all. / The way to the throne of grace is open now / since Thou hast accomplished Thy great work.
2. Thou, O Jesus, doest abundantly, / more than we ask or think / Thy love remains, is everlasting / and Thy faithfulness can never pass away. / We are confident and trust in Thee / that we shall ever be with Thee, Lord.

3. Oh, unspeakable joy, / on that great day which is so close, /
when we shall see Thee, Lord Jesus, / who gave Himself for us
as a sacrifice. / To be like Thee and so pure as Thyself, /
how great shall be our delight!

1. Joyfully move, full of longing, / God's children towards the
Father's house. / Look upward without fear, / His love has
driven out fear. / Even if Satan's darts would frighten, /
if sorrows of this time would depress, / nothing can harm us
Jesus' hands cover / us as a shield in the conflict.
2. Who may hesitate? Who may complain? / Who grow weary here
in the conflict and race? / He that has atoned for, borne
our guilt, / now bears us upward to the holy place. / Soon,
we are at the goal of our pathway, / soon shall sound the
joyful peal of the trumpet; / then out of the graves shall
arise / the numberless brethren who have fallen asleep.

3. Yea, we move toward Thee, / only with Thee, Jesus, is complete rest. / Constantly refreshed through heaven's blessings / we joyfully wend our way toward home. / And the good fight in Thy name / fighting, we call full of longing: "Come!" / "Yea, I come quickly!" so Thou sayest. - "Amen!" / Oh, what strong comfort! - "Lord Jesus, come!"

1. Thou hast acquired me also, / Lamb of God, with Thy blood. / Thou didst die for me / and didst make all well. / Thy death is life for me, / Thy blood cleanses all my sin; / I may joyfully exalt Thee / and praise Thy grace!
2. No death can now frighten me, / he who believes dies no more; / Thou shalt raise me up, / if I shall sleep at any time, O Lord! / "I live - and ye shall live," / so says Thy faithful word. / Let me therefore never tremble / not even in the anxious hour.
3. Soon shall that also be swallowed up, / which now is yet mortal. / Thou hast achieved the victory, / Thou who art the life./ Come, come, let Thine appearing, / Thou, O our hope, / unite us altogether / with Thee in eternal rest!

1. O Lord, on the cross / Thou didst bare the burden of sins, /
there, where Thou hast given up / Thyself as Lamb of sacri-
fice./ Alas! Lord Jesus / there Thy precious blood did flow, /
it was shed for me, / it also avails for me.
2. Yes, also for my sins / Thou hadst to suffer pain / and sorrow
and awful agony / in the worst martyr's death. / Now I need no
longer be afraid / of my sin and guilt: / Thou hast completely
borne them, / God's grace now rests on me.
3. My Saviour, in Thy wounds / and in Thy stripes / I now have
found healing, / salvation from the torment. / For me Thou
didst bear the bondage, / the cross, the crown of thorns, /
for me the scorn, the shame; / O praise be to Thee, Thou Son
of God!

1. Come, let us sing praise / and bring thanks and worship /
to the Father, who loves us! / From all our hearts / should
resound praise and glory / to Him, who looks kindly towards
us.

2. Who can understand His heart, / who exalt His love, / if not His own child? / No angel can tell / how happy our souls are / in the love of the Father.
3. He chose His children / only from amongst sinners; / for them the blood of Jesus flowed. / He has given the Son, / with Him eternal life, / with Him an immortal possession.
4. O let us give honour / to Him who shall exalt us / unto His glory! / We shall see Jesus, / understand the Father's love, / and sing praises to Him with eternal joy.

110 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. The Tokens of Thy love / Thy table Lord provides us. / God's wrath is ever stilled, / redeemed by blood are we. / Our hearts are freed from fear, / in peace whate'er betides us. / Thy love alone is what we see.
2. This cup, this broken bread, / both of Thy grace are speaking, / still showing forth Thy death. / And that Thou'lt come from Heav'n / still saying to our hearts, / as here our way we're seeking, / fear not, Thy sins are all forgiven.

3. The veil is rent, the new / and living way's prepared. /
As kings and priests to God, / the new song we can raise. /
The curse which once we feared / Thou hast for us endured. /
O Lamb of God, Thy love we praise.

110 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. Thy table, O Lord, gives us the signs of Thy love. / God's
wrath is stilled; we are eternally reconciled. / Anxious
fear does not now cloud our joy; / we see nothing but love
here.
2. By this bread and this cup we announce loudly, / Lord, Thy
death expecting Thy coming again; / Thy blood has washed us
completely from all sins, / and no judgment menaces us any
more.
3. Rent is the veil, and heaven is open; / Life and glory are
our portion. / The curse that we deserved has stricken Thee
for us. / Lamb of God, Thy love is great!

111 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. In hope we fight the fight, in faith we look to Heaven, /
whence from Thy Father's throne Thou guid'st us with Thine
eye. / Though war may rage around, Thy peace to us is
given, / and soon we'll serve Thee there on high, / and
see Thy face, in love brought nigh.
2. At God's right hand for us, Thou makest intercession, / and
Thine own blood still speaks before the throne above. /
Fitted are we to serve, and made Thine own possession; /
we tell the wonders of Thy love, / and all the grace that
here we prove.

111 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. In faith and hope we stand in the conflict here below; /
Thine eye remains always fixed upon us. / Thou Lord, givest
courage and strength, / Thou keepest us in Thy peace; /
soon we shall behold Thee face to face.
2. Before the throne of God, Thou O Lord, hast appeared for us; /
Thine own blood intercedes now for us in the sanctuary. /
We are reconciled through Thee, to serve God eternally /
and to announce His fame.

1. Yes, indeed, we are lead by the faithful hand / of a shepherd through the foreign land of the dark earth, / we His small flock. / The Shepherd will always keep us.
2. Joyfully His eye looks down upon us; / His gentle shepherd's staff brings us peace. / The watchman will not weary, / He watches over us at day and night.
3. Even when His little flock goes through the darkness, / the good shepherd watches and lets His friendly light / still shine over His own. / The morning star is no longer far away.
4. Yes, indeed, He is faithful and good! / How secure you can rest in His arms, / by His wonderful mercy! / Praise ye the Lord, praise ye the Lord!

1. O God of love! Unveiled / Thou art manifested in the Son. / Immeasurable is the fullness / which faith here perceives in Him. / But our heart shall be fully refreshed / when it sees Thy love completely.

1. Thou hast given up - O what compassion! / Thine own Son
for our guilt. / Thou takest us up with arms of the Father /
in wonderful grace and favour. / Thy love is incomparable; /
Thou dost love us because Thou art love.

2. O what a comfort in every state / that Thy faithfulness
never forgets us! / How could we ever be despondent, /
Since Thou, God, art our Father! / Even if a mother
should forget her child / Thy love shall never find an
end.

4. Therefore we confidently go on in our paths / and endure
in every sorrow. / Thy love and grace never waver, / never
the kindness of Thy heart. / O thanks to Thee, Father,
eternal thanks! / Our songs of praise extol Thee!

1. To Thee, Lord Jesus, be consecrated, / thanks, worship, praise and glory! / Peace and hope gladden us / since Thou art in the sanctuary. / Vain are the things of earth now / worthless the things of earth now. / Should all here below depart - / All is superseded by Thee.
2. In the wilderness, where we wander / where nothing refreshes the soul. / Could anything yet be pleasing to us, / to the eye beholding Thee? / However it shall take no longer / and the night shall be completely past; / then everything shall honour Thee, / and even creation shall be free.
3. Then every pain is stilled, / every tear wiped away. / Joy alone fills our heart, / blessed unmingled joy. / This world where Thou didst suffer, / which also rejected us with Thee, / shall see Thee glorified in the midst / of Thy saints - one with Thee.
4. Throne and rule Thou shalt share / there with Thy blessed bride; / eternally shall she dwell with Thee. / She who believing has trusted Thee. / Beholding her fullness and possessions, / she shall praise Thee unceasingly; / but that Thou art her Gift / remains her joy's highest portion.

1. O Father, richly blessed / I am already here below, / because
Thou hast met me / in Thy beloved Son. / He is the highest
Gift, / nothing higher didst Thou have, / and because I have
Him now / my soul has rest.
2. I know, that Thou lovest me, / and as a Father dost nourish
me / that Thou givest me all things, / constantly bearest
me all things, / constantly bearest me with longsuffering. /
Wherever I may turn, / Thy love follows me; / I rest in good
hands, / nothing parts me from Thee.
3. How could I anxiously care / when Thou art my Father! / This
Thou art today and tomorrow, / Thy heart never puts me to
shame, / because Thou lovest me fervently, / I shall richly
accept - / what good things Thou givest me.
4. Thou carest for all things / so wisely, faithfully, and
well; / nothing is too trivial for Thee; / I am standing
in Thou care. / I rest in Thy love, / so blessed and so
free, / and should nothing else remain to me, / Thy father-
heart abides faithful.

1. O spotless Lamb of God, / offered up on the cross, / always showing patience / although Thou wast despised. / Thou hast borne all sin, / else we must needs have despaired. / Worship to Thee, O Lord Jesus.
2. Thou hast suffered for us, / hast reconciled us with God for ever, / hast procured saluation for us / and crowned us with grace. / Over this we all rejoice / with loud sounds of joy. / Worship to Thee, O Lord Jesus.

1. As strangers here on earth, / our home is with Thee. / When we get tired in fight, / which Thou hast ordained for us here: / Let us look upon Thee, Lord, / Thou didst go before us; / let us fully trust in Thee, / soon we shall rest with Thee.
2. Yes, we hasten to our rest / it shall come; the fight will be finished, / and our body and soul will abide / then in the Father's House. / Thou, Thyself, art our rest, / Thou, Jesus, Thou alone; / whatever the enemy might do now, / we are and remain Thine own!

3. Already those voices call: / "Awake, the Bridegroom cometh!" / Brethren, arise and go from hence, / think of what good lies before you! / Awake, get yourselves ready! / In a twinkling of an eye - / He shall be present / and take us to Himself.

1. O Head, full of blood and wounds, / full of pain and full of scorn; / O Head, mocked with a crown of thorns. / Lord, what art Thou guilty of / what art Thou blamed for, / that Thou hast born the cross / and suffered death?
2. "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" / Thou didst ask when dying, / when all was against Thee. / Thou hadst nothing to do with evil, / why then such a judgment? / Thou didst not show any failure / and didst not know sin.
3. Thou hadst to endure the whole weight of the wrath of God, / for me and my sins, / as many as the sand on the seashore. / Thou didst take my place, / out of Thy free love and grace, / gavest up Thy own soul / for my sin and guilt.

4. Thou, Jesus, hast finished what the Father gave Thee to do; /
Thy suffering is over / and empty the open grave. / Thou hast
fully reconciled me / to God for eternity, / and He has crowned
Thee / with honour and glory.
5. Let me have fellowship / with Thy sufferings continually, /
and let my soul feed / upon Thee, O Lord, alone, / Thee, who
art glorified for ever up there, / where soon I shall praise
Thee / with all the redeemed company.

119 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Lord Jesus, by Thy loving Spirit / prepare our hearts to
wait for Thee. / In every conflict by Thy merit / subdue
the foe and set us free. / For 'tis Thy love that makes Thy
coming / the fairest hope of earthly lot / O take us to Thy
Father's dwelling / our pilgrim sorrows all forgot.
2. O think what joy! our eyes shall see Thee, / the Father's
House in glory bright. / With Thee we'll live in heav'nly
glory, / forever rest, no more to fight. / Yea, blest are
they who wait Thy coming, / and gain a bliss beyond man's
thought. / O take us to Thy Father's dwelling, / our pil-
grim sorrows all forgot.

3. O Lord, Thy little flock is calling, / come quickly, end our earthly pain; / our hearts are thirsting for Thy coming / as thirsty lands for cool sweet rain. / O quickly come and still our longing, / and make salvation's joy complete. / O take us to Thy Father's dwelling, / our pilgrim sorrows all forgot.

119 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. Prepare, O Jesus, our hearts / through Thy Spirit of love, / that without delay through conflict and sorrows / we may hasten toward Thy rest. / Love alone nourishes the desire / for the blessed joy of Thine coming / O hasten Thou to receive us; / Thy coming ends all sorrow!
2. What a happy lot, that we behold Thee / in the glory of Thy Father, / with Thee on those peaceful meadows / for ever shall rest from all conflict! / Yea, blessed are they who cleave to Thee / and wait for Thee in this time. / Oh, hasten Thou to receive us; / Thy coming ends all sorrow!

3. Yea, hasten - call, Lord, Thine own - / and end our pilgrim journey! / How happy Thy appearing shall make us / Oh, lead us upward to Thee soon! / Yea, come and still our longing, / fulfill our bliss! / Oh, hasten Thou to receive us; / Thy coming ends all sorrow!

1. O Lamb of God! Who can proclaim / the riches of Thy love and grace? / Who can fathom the measure of Thy sufferings, / which Thou didst bear so full of patience? / As sheep go dumbly to the slaughter, / Thou didst go up to Golgotha, / where terrors, fear and pangs of death / alone Thine eye did see before Thee.
2. Entirely surrounded by dark powers, / Thou didst yet remain fully consecrated to God, / didst willingly give up Thy precious life / to God's honour and glory. / Hast unveiled Thy love on the cross, / just as man his deepest hatred; / Hast wholly fulfilled God's will, / and man, alas, his measure of sin.

3. And Thou - O Love without compare! - / Thou didst give Thyself for us, / that no judgment can reach us, / that even death is gain for us / Thou hast borne the curse for us / when Thou wast made sin on the cross. / All our sins lay upon Thee / when Thou didst accomplish redemption's work.
4. O Lamb of God! worshipping we bring, / though it be feeble, praise and honour to Thee. / We shall there fully sing / Thy praise then eternally beautiful and sublime. / O Lamb Thou wast slain for us, / hast bought us for God by Thy blood, / hast considered us worthy to reign, / and constantly to keep the Lord's charge.

1. Where I see nothing but a wilderness, / a dreary land where drought dwells; / a sandy desert where there is no bound, / neither fruit nor fountain rewards the pilgrim: / God will refresh me from fresh fountain / with living water, fair and clear, / out of streams which have no end / He constantly gives me refreshment.

2. God Himself will mark the way for me; / His light shines about my steps. / He can never deny Himself; / I go with Him, He goes with me. / His rich blessing flows in secret, / and never do I go out with scanty provision; / He leads me to eternal morning / He guides me home into the Father's house.
3. There in the home full of blessing / where I shall enter out of a strange land, / no strange God comes to meet me, / already He is my God and Father. / The love which greets me there, / which surrounds me with glory, / has here made the wilderness sweet for me, / has refreshed me in this time.

1. Thou, Lord Jesus, Thou alone / satisfiest my desire, / I can call Thee mine / joyfully and without fear. / Thou understandest even from a distance / what I wish to tell Thee, / knowest what sufferings and reproach are, / I can pour out all to Thee.

2. Thou, Lord Jesus, Thou alone / canst also understand / when
I sigh and weep before Thee, / what no eye may see. / Thou
feeldest with me / and wilt turn it graciously; / O my Jesus,
thanks be to Thee! / Everything will come to a happy end.
3. Thou, Lord Jesus, Thou alone / Thou hast fully felt / what
it meant to be forsaken / in the hours of temptations. /
Even when I am forsaken here / and miss the faithfulness
of one's friends - / my resources are in Thee, / always
flowing afresh.
4. Thou, Lord Jesus, Thou alone / Thou wilt fill my soul; /
to serve Thee faithfully and pure / is what I choose. / Only
short is the time of waiting - / and Thou Thyself wilt come; /
then I shall be taken up / to Thyself in glory.

123 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Form our hearts, O Saviour, by Thy Spirit's power, / till
Thy love fills them with love to Thee; / till they glow
with longing for that blessed hour / when we leave this
world with Thee to be. / On Thy Word our souls are resting, /
none are shamed who trust in Thee. / Jesus, Saviour, still
we're waiting, / take us Home, Thy face to see. / There set
free from sorrow, / Lord, on that bright morrow, / all Thy
saints at rest shall be.
2. Quickly come, Lord Jesus! Still in hope we're gazing / to-
wards Thee seated on Thy heavenly throne. / Come, Oh come ,
Lord Jesus! Still the cry we're raising, / till Thou com'st
in glory for Thine own. / Bride and Spirit still are crying, /
come and take us to Thy Home. / Let us leave this world of
sighing, / dwell with Thee, no more to roam. / Hear the
Spirit groaning, / heed Thy bride still moaning, / we await
Thee, Jesus, come!

123 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. Mould our hearts through Thy Spirit of love / that we,
Lord may love Thee fervently; / that we all constantly
with longing impulse, / separated from the world, may
await Thee! / One does not hope for Thee in vain, / we
trust in Thy Word. / Christ Jesus, Prince of life, / come
and take us up to Thee, / where, freed from pains, / Lord,
on Thy heart / all Thy saints shall rest eternally.
2. Come, O come Lord Jesus! / With greater longing / our gaze
looks up to the throne of grace. / The cry ever increases; /
we stand here waiting / till Thou wilt come, O Jesus, Son
of God! / Spirit and bride together say "come" / as Thou
didst once in pilgrim garb - / that we, taken away from
this world, / might be with Thee in eternity. / Thou dost
understand Thy Spirit, / Thou dost hear Thy bride; / Jesus,
Come! We wait for Thee.

1. My all, whatever I love, / my all, whatever I do / be found
in my Lord Jesus Christ, / because I own in Him / what is
of benefit to a soul, what is precious for a man.
2. The heart can fathom nothing / which cannot be found in Him,
in Him I am well. / The glory, the life / is given to me in
Him, / and joy which will never end.
3. I wish and desire / no honour without Jesus, / and no light
from anybody else; / of wisdom, of enjoyment, / of glory
and of treasures / I desire nothing without Jesus.
4. Only He alone shall become here on earth / my fame, my wis-
dom, / my guiding star in this time, / my treasure which
will last forever, / my glory and my honour, / my heaven
and my salvation.

1. Lord, to Thee we bring praise and honour, / we, Thy precious
possession, / joining in the praise of the choirs of the
saints, / to exalt Thy fame; / through Thy blood Thou hast
bought us unto God, / through Thy Spirit baptized (us) into
one body, / given us Thy peace, / hast sent Thy love down
into our hearts.

2. Jesus, the Firstborn of many brethren, / Thou hast hastened on before us, / as head art taking all Thy members to Thee, / art coming again without tarrying. / Soon Thou wilt appear to our joy, / (Thou wilt) unite all with Thee there at the throne, / where we, free from conflict and sorrow, / shall rest in Thy glory.
3. "Come, O come, Lord Jesus, do not tarry long!" / Call the Spirit and Thy bride; / hush soon the passionate desire, this ardent loud imploring! / Let us, Lord, soon go to meet Thee / and see Thee in Thy glory, / eternally beholding Thy countenance. / Amen, come and tarry not!

1. Lord, my Shepherd, Fountain of all joy! / Thou art mine, I am Thine, / No one can separate me, / Lord, from Thee, want Thy life / and Thy blood, / for my good / Thou hast given.
2. No Thou canst no longer leave me; / Thy love which urged Thee on, / shall constantly embrace me. / Therefore, blessed choirs bring / to Thee, my Refuge, / here and yonder / praise and thanks and honour.

1. "So we shall be for ever with our Lord!" / How this precious word can / give wonderful joy to the soul! / We are still absent from the Lord, / but His coming is not far off anymore. / We long and sigh often; / however, we are not far from the goal, / we are confident and no longer far away from the goal.
2. Still native in our tent, / in our body but always / full of courage in this world / we go on towards the glory. / In joyful hope which does not deceive / till every difficulty is conquered, / we go on to the beautiful homeland. / With Thee, the Lord, in the land of rest / with Thee, the Lord, rest waits for us.
3. Certainly it will not be much longer, / till Thou, Lord, comest back; / then we shall celebrate with songs of praise / with Thee an eternal happiness. / O what a precious faithful word: / We then shall recognize there, face to face, / how Thou hast recognized us already / here in Thy light, recognized in Thy light.

1. The afflictions which still burden us / in this time of testing / are not worthy to compare / with that glory. / Soon it will be revealed to us, / we will be delivered for evermore, / then not only the child of God will rejoice, / also the creature will rejoice, / yes, all living creatures / will rejoice with us.
2. We will be manifested with Thee, / Lord Jesus, in the light; / we already now fix our eyes / upon things which cannot be seen; / and even may it be, that in this world, / the outward body decays / so the inward man will all the time / be renewed in Christ's glory, / renewed in glory / from day to day.

1. Praise our God! He is full of favour, / He meets us full of grace, / has forgiven us all debt / and blessed us abundantly in the heavenlies / in Christ, who has through His blood / won for us lasting good / and grantest us sonship.
2. Before all time we have been chosen / according to God's good pleasure, / are counted to the Beloved, / to be in our walk like-minded to Him / and shall in the fullness of time / to the praise of Thy glory, / be united with Him.

3. As head wilt Thou, Lord Jesus Christ, / gather all things together; / earth and heaven were / created for Thee, O Lord. / Thy possession will be cleansed / and to the glory of Thy Name one day / will be given us as our inheritance.
4. The whole creation is still groaning / and waiting full of longing. / Deliver her from vanity's yoke, / free her from anxiety! / The Spirit, the earnest of the inheritance is crying, / the bride is looking to the homeland / and implores: O come, Lord Jesus.

1. God is faithful! / His heart, His Father's heart / will never forsake His own. / God is faithful! / In being well and in pain, / He gives joy and carries them. / Yield mountains, yield! Fall down ye hills! / the basis of my faith has this seal: / God is faithful!
2. God is faithful! / Even when often-times it may appear otherwise; / this I know, this I believe firmly. / I know for certain, / that He will not allow any enemy / to tempt me too hard. / In the darkest hour of my testing / His word brings me the joyful message: / God is faithful!

1. Thou lovest me, / my faithful Lord and God; / this is my only comfort. / Thou lovest me / and art willing to lend me / Thy helping hand in all trouble. / In all of my circumstances I may / tell my pain to the Father's heart; / Thou lovest me.
2. Thou lovest me, / this remains firm and true, / even if the mountains' foundation shall move. / Thou lovest me, / this is certified faithful and clear / by the word of Thy mouth. / Therefore, with confidence I can go on / I tell myself and tell it to everybody: / Thou lovest me.
3. Thou lovest me, / this will still be the theme / of the song up there. / Thou lovest me, / so I shall join in with all / the saints before the throne. / Grant grace to me, to build upon Thyself / and firmly to stand in the faith: / Thou lovest me!

1. What has happened to our sin? / Christ died in our stead; /
by His blood - O what love! - / He has extinguished the
guilt. / Fully cleansed, united to Him / who is at the right
hand of God, / who the way to the sanctuary / has consecrated
for, us to His praise.
2. Can the accuser yet endure, / since at God's right hand now /
He must see the Son of Man / seated by God on the throne? /
All accusations - struck down, / are there made powerless. /
Before the Lamb on God's throne / the accuser silently goes
away.
3. He also will lead in grace / His dearly purchased band. /
Yea, He holding us with His hand, we go on / without hesi-
tation and danger / through the strange place, until the
end, / toward His holy habitation / where our heart desires
nothing any more, / every mouth praises and honours Him.

1. O Father, there is One before all others, / on whom Thou lookest with pleasure, / on Thy beloved, Thy own Son. / As He was from eternity, / so was He in the fullness of time, / and now as Man on the throne. / In Him is all the essence of Thy being / He is the expression of Thyself and Thy image, / The effulgence of Thy glories; / it is He who satisfies the longing of Thy heart.
2. Before this creation was brought into being, / Thou hast ordained Him as sacrifice, / to be the pure and spotless Lamb. / For us He was made sin, was made a curse, / but to Thee He became a lovely odour / there on the torturous cross. / He has fulfilled Thy will and completed / Thy divine and great work; / He came in order to fulfil all that / Thy love had conceived.
3. At Thy right hand highly exalted / He is enthroned now on high as God and Man, / what a wondrous and divine plan! / Soon He will also take to Himself / the bride, in order to live with Him, / Her, whom He has aquired at such a great price. / The bride also will then be / to Thy honour, O God, to Thy glory, / so that she will magnify Thy praise / from eternity to eternity.

1. My Saviour, what grace and love / and what mercy dwells in
Thee! / Who can comprehend Thy shepherd-care / wherewith
Thou dost tend Thine own here, / for whom Thou Thy precious
life / out of free love didst surrender!
2. When I grow weary, when I suffer, / then Thou remainest my
refuge; / Thou leadest me in green pastures, / and guidest
me to eternal rest. / And do I thirst - Thou art my fountain; /
Thou refreshest and strengthenest my soul.
3. Yes, Thou art He, who blesses me so richly; / Thou art and
remainest my highest possession; / Thou art He who kindly
meets me; / My heart constantly rests secure with Thee. /
Wherever I go, I find Thee, / and I never fathom Thy love.
4. Of this love I will sing, / which makes me so rich, so happy; /
will bring adoration to Thy faithfulness, / which protects
me day and night. / O that my heart would constantly rejoice /
in Thy love and shepherd-faithfulness!

1. How blessed it is to follow Thee / in Thy ways, Thou faithful Shepherd! / Thou ledest me on a sure path / through joy and sorrow and nothing will ever / be able to separate me from Thee, Lord. / O let my heart burn with thanks.
2. Even when I often have to go here on rough paths, / through the dark, Thou art my light. / Thy mercy and grace remain with me / and Thy faithfulness stands firm. / To Thee, love, great and without limits, / is due the joyful thanks of my heart!
3. I feel it my praise which I can bring to Thee here, / is much too small; / but even if I only sing with stammering lips / about what Thou hast done for me, / Thou, Lord, still hearest with pleasure / the feeble thanks, the childish lisping.
4. But what can better speak Thy praise / than Thy love towards me? / Soon, in beautiful heavenly melodies, / my thanks will ever praise Thee for it. / Then I shall sing to Thee with those myriads, / which were pilgrim here like me.

136 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. The church, 'midst this world's danger, / is watching for
her Home. / Waits for that Holy Stranger - / Jesus the Lord, -
to come. / Though things of this world hinder, / and cold-
ness chills her love, / she trusts her Lord won't linger, /
all praise to Hime above.
2. Thou'rt coming soon, blest Saviour, / to change these bodies
vile; / Thy church, not short one member. / Then e'er with
Thee shall dwell. / Gathered in Thy fair palace, / we'll meet
in glory bright: / Gone Satan's snares and malice; / all
darkness turned to light.
3. The church on earth is waiting / her Bridegroom to adore; /
to welcome Him from Heaven, / her Bright and Morning Star./
Then rise, O Church, from slumber, / the battle we shall win: /
The King of Kings, our Saviour / calls us to reign with Him.

136 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. Thy bride, Lord, is waiting here, / longing to be up yonder; /
where she then united with Thee / beholding Thee shall praise
Thee. / She is strange and lonesome here, / separated from
the world. / Yet, O Jesus, Thou remainest hers, / Dost lead
her in peace.

2. Her resting-place is there / where no foe shall disturb her; /
there, with Thee, where always / rejoicing and joy continue; /
where no evil shall separate any more, / where no heart shall
grow cold, / where love will be fully known / where love shall
rule alone.
3. Come, Thou bright Morning Star, / do not tarry longer! / Oh,
we would gladly see Thy coming; / here we are often afraid. /
Yet Thou wilt never leave us alone - / strengthen this con-
fidence! - / Thou wilt always be with us, / till we shall see
Thee there.

1. Head of Thine own, / soon God's pilgrims / shall no more weep
here. / Thou art coming again, / wilt descend, / wilt take
away all Thy members, / wilt lead them up to Thee, / wilt
lead them up to Thee.
2. What joy / here in sorrow / this hope already gives us! / But
exalted, / we shall above / eternally love Thee, praise Thee /
always thanking before Thy throne, / always thanking before
Thy throne.

3. This earth, / full of troubles, / no longer has anything
for our heart. / We are refreshed / and made happy / by
what faith glimpses there / where ends every sorrow, / where
ends every sorrow.
4. From all trials / soon delivered, / we shall there see Thee. /
And at the throne / a crown will be then / the reward to
those who have been well-tried, / and they shall rest eter-
nally, / and they shall rest eternally.

1. We sing already here on earth / the praise which is due to
Thee; / in heaven it shall become / much better and without
hindrance; / to Him who has strived / for us in anguish and
sweat, / to Him be sung eternally the song, / and be glory
and praise for ever!
2. To Him who has cried / on the cross: "It is finished!" - /
be worship, power and might / before the steps of the throne! /
He who has paid the penalty / for our load of sins, / He shall
be humbly greeted / by the crowd of redeemed ones!

1. I worship the might of the love / which is revealed in Jesus. / I surrender myself to the free motivation / wherewith I, a worm, have been loved. / Instead of thinking of myself I will / submerge myself in the ocean of love.
2. How tenderly affectionate art Thou to me; / how Thy heart longs for me! / Drawn gently and deeply by love, / my all inclines itself to Thee. / Thou, Lord, the Love Thee-self, in character / hast choiced me by love to Thee.
3. O Jesus, that Thy name might remain / deeply and firmly established / may Thy faithful Saviour-love / be engraved in heart and mind! / In word, in deed, in all my being, / may Jesus and nothing else be seen.

1. O love without equal! / No mind can ever conceive / how Thou, O Lord, lovest us. / Didst forget Thy pains, / didst only bear those on Thy heart / whom Thou dost love so ineffably.
2. Thy work is now finished / the curse is averted, / and grace brought to us. / The charge-sheet is torn up / the conscience is set free; / sin has been utterly destroyed.

3. Now Thou dost care for Thine own, / that they may not weep
comfortless / nor stand here forsaken. / In the Spirit Thou
dost accompany them, / with a strong hand dost lead them, /
who go through conflict and suffering here.
4. And hope, deep in the heart, / makes them quiet in sorrows; /
their portion art Thou, Jesus. / Soon all sufferings shall end, /
and nevermore wilt Thou part / when thy are brought to Thy
rest.
5. O love without equal! / No mind can ever conceive / the full-
ness which Thou givest. / Even angels shall stand / and, full
of worship, shall see / how Thou, O Lord, lovest Thine own.

1. Holy God and Father! / we stand now before Thee / and wor-
ship Thee through Christ. / Thou hast chosen us for Thyself /
from amongst the sinners, / and we are born again through
the Spirit. / Honour be to Thee for ever! / Soon, from many
tongues, / praise will be brought to Thee.

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2. Thou art highly to be praised; / even now shall sound forth / fame to Thee from all Thy saints. / Lifted up in the Son / to the heights of the throne, / we shout in holy nearness: / Majesty be to Thee always! / Praise be to Thy name! / Hail to Thee, O God, Amen!

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1. Ah, remain with Thy grace / near us, Lord Jesus Christ, / that henceforth there may not harm us / the wicked enemy's cunning.
2. O remain with Thy Word / near us in this time / that to us in this safe retreat / be ready comfort and happiness.
3. Yea, remain with Thy clearness / near us, Thou light of life, / light up us with truth / that we may not err.
4. Ah, remain with Thy faithfulness / near us, Thou Lord and God. / Grant steadfastness, / help us out of every distress.

1. How great Thou showest Thyself in mercy, / in love and grace towards us poor ones, / whom Thou, Lord, hast saved. / Thou wast made sin for us, / and that everyone of us may find grace, / Thou hast taken upon Thyself the whole load. / Oh! Who can comprehend such a love? / Even in heaven - who can lay hold of it? / And the motives, full of mercy - / the creation will never fathom them.
2. Even before the beginning of all time - / the eternity only known to Thee - / Thou didst think of our salvation. / But now, in the fullness of time, / Thou hast given Thyself as sacrifice / for us according to the will of the Father. / Now we can never be lost again; / we are cleansed through Thy blood; / Thou hast chosen us for eternity / Lord, how full of grace how good art Thou!
3. We praise Thee, Lord, with joy; / Thou wilt surely bring us / to the place which Thou hast prepared. / O what a joy, what a delight / when we shall see Thee, Jesus, face to face, / and Thou wilt come on the clouds! / We shall bring worship to Thee, / to Thee alone belongs praise and honour, / it will penetrate all the heavens: / Thou, Jesus, Thou art the only "Lord"!

144 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour, / Thou first hast gone above, /
our great High Priest forever, / to plead for us in love. /
The veil has once been sundered, / our conscience purged from
sin, / and gone is all that hindered, / we follow Thee within.
2. With joy, O Lord, we worship, / before Thy Throne of Grace: /
On earth we now are pilgrims, / this world is not our place. /
Thy love, through Thine Own Spirit, / has sprinkled all our
hearts: / Though all on earth shall perish / Thy love, Lord,
ne'er departs.
3. And now for us Thou livest / within the Holy Place, / waiting
till us Thou givest / to dwell with Thee by grace. / Oh, what
a hope, blest Saviour! / Forever with the Lord, / Thy Name be
praised forever, / forever be adored.

144 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. Thou art gone, O Lord, / into the sanctuary already; / Thou
hast received from God / an eternal priesthood. / The veil
is rent, / the sins done away, / our conscience is freed, /
worshipping we now draw near.

2. We draw near to the throne with joy / and with boldness. /
Nothing can separate us from Thee / in this time of testing. /
Thy love Thou hast caused / to sink into our anxious hearts; /
even if nothing else should remain for us / Thou art still
given us.
3. Now Thou art above for us, / dost represent us at all times /
until we shall be raised up to Thee, / in Thy glory. / O
blessed consummation, / with Thee, the Lord, to be, / where
Thy renown never will end, / where we shall only devote
praise.

1. Who can tell the carefulness / which Thou, O Father, dost
exercise? / And who can know the love / wherewith Thou dost
constantly love us? / Thou dost care for us without tiring, /
and dost bear us ceaselessly. / Thou dost give us Thy peace, /
Dost lighten every burden.

2. We are committed to Thee / by Jesus, our Lord; / Faith constantly sees Thee; / Thou art never far from us, / Thou wilt guard us here / in this wicked world; / We shall constantly experience / that fatherly faithfulness upholds us.
3. Thy action is always blessed / even if it seems harsh to us; / Thy look of comfort meets / the one, who bowed down, weeps here. / O well for us that we stand / in Thy fatherly keeping! / We can joyfully go on - / Thou dost always make things well.

146 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Thy ransomed, Lord, Thou knowest, / from every land and clime. / Thy tender arm still bearest / Thy scattered sheep safe Home. / Not one shall ever perish, / Thou lead'st them out and in. / Thou dost Thy loved ones cherish, / in life or death still Thine.
2. Thy little flock Thou knowest / whose faith in Thee is bright; / who know that when Thou comest / then faith shall change to sight. / They to Thy Word bear witness, / the Word on which they feed; / the Word which gives them counsel, / and in right paths doth lead.

3. And Thou wilt safely lead them / across this wilderness; / give strength and skill for battle / as onward still they press. / And when their course is over, / with Thee they'll rest above; / the Father's House they'll enter / and ceaseless praises give.

146 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. The Lord knows His own / in every people and country; / Even if they appear forsaken, / they are known by Him. / He will not let them be destroyed; / He leads them in and out; / in life and in death / they are and remain His own.
2. He knows His flock / who believing gaze upon Him, / and trust in Him, the Invisible, / as if they saw Him; / who testify of the Word, / the Word that nourishes them; / who bow before th Word, / and whom the Word proves.
3. He will safely lead them / through this wilderness; / gives courage and power to battle, / Himself brings the victory. / And when their race is completed / they will rest with Him; / when all conflict is ended, / they will go into the Father's house.

147 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Praise the Lord! whose love, unwearied, / ne'er forsakes us in distress: / Ev'rything around us dreary, /: Gladsome shines His glorious face! :/
2. Praise the Lord! our Help, He for us / stood in judgment, purchased peace; / Here in conflict, went before us: /: Gladsome shines His glorious face! :/
3. Praise the Lord! so full of mercy, / strength, long-suff'ring, love and grace! / Though the way we tread be thorny, /: Gladsome shines His glorious face! :/
4. Praise the Lord! who leaves us never, - / faithful, guards the path we trace, / blessings, fresh, downpouring ever: /: Gladsome shines His glorious face!

147 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. Praise the Lord! He is love, / He does not forsake His own. / Even if around us it appears gloomy, /: His countenance beams kindly. :/
2. Praise the Lord! He brought peace, / stood in judgment for us once, / went ahead into the battle here below; /: His countenance beams kindly. :/

3. Praise the Lord! He is full of grace, / is full of long-suffering, power, and light. / Even if our paths are thorny, /: His countenance beams kindly. :/
4. Praise the Lord, laud His faithfulness! / No, He does not forsake His people; / bestows blessing constantly anew; /: His countenance beams kindly. :/

148 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Jesus, Lord, we still are waiting, / all creation sighs for Thee. / Night and day Thy Church is hoping / Thou wilt come and set us free. / Just one joy our heart possesses / Just one hope Thy Church professes /: Jesus, Lord, Thy face to see. :/
2. Strangers here, and by men scorned, / here no peace and rest we find. / Lord, so long as Thou art absent, / there's no joy for heart or mind. / In this world where Satan's reigning / still of sin and shame complaining. /: Rest Thy members cannot find. :/

3. Here by faith to Heav'n we're gazing / but no eye Thy face
can see. / In our songs of thanks and praising / still
there's grief, we're not with Thee. / Nought but sorrow, pain
and crying, / in this world of sin and sighing, /: Oh, to be
at Home with Thee! :/

4. But Thou'rt coming - Oh, what glory! / and our eyes shall
see Thee there, / truly coming, blessed story, / and the
parting then is o'er. / In the Father's House then praising /
Myriad saints the songs then raising, /: Evermore Thy glories
share. :/

148 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. Still, O Jesus, the longing, / everything sighs and yearns. /
Thy members who cleave to Thee faithfully / wait for Thee
yearningly. / They know only one joy, / they name only one
hope: / Jesus, that they may behold Thee.

2. Strange and unknown here below, / they find rest nowhere; /
If Thou, O Lord, were to remain separated, / then they
would never rejoice. / In the world where Satan reigns, /
where vanity and sin dwell, / Thy members never rest.

3. We see one another and part again, / and no eye now sees
Thee; / In our songs of praise and thanks / the sorrow of
separation is mingled. / Here on this poor earth / there
is only toil, only complaint; / home is nowhere to be found.
4. But Thou art coming - what a joyful message! - / Our eye
shall see Thee. / Yea, Thou art coming - O blessed hour! - /
When we shall never more be parted; / where the sound of
the harps of the saints, / songs of laud, and praise, and
thanks / shall eternally exalt Thy fame.

1. Lord Jesus Christ, my Life, / Thou hast given Thyself /
as an offering for me. / Thy blood has cleansed me. / I am
united with Thee, / with Thee, O Lord, so wonderfully.
2. My hope is living, / and here remains constantly / fixed
upon Thee, O Lord. / Soon shall I there above / praise Thee
in sacred joy, / when I shall behold Thy countenance!
3. To Thee even now be my life / and everything given, / (All)
that I am and have down here. / Thou hast bought me com-
pletely / since Thou hast died for me; / Therefore accept
me wholly as an offering.

1. O Jesus, faithful Shepherd, / who loves, who cares as Thou! /
Thy sheep which went astray / Thou didst carry back to the
flock. / Thy Spirit now accompanies me, / Thine eye guards
me, / Thy strong arm leads me, / protects me day and night.
2. (Thou) givest me to drink out of fresh springs / the green
pasture nourishes me, / (Thou) preserve me in a secure
place / while the temptation lasts. / Here below Thou art
my light, / my comfort, my arm in the conflict; / Thy near-
ness gives me peace, / gives joy and bliss.
3. Soon all cares shall give way / at the sound of the trumpet. /
Then a new morning shall come, / then an eternal song shall
resound. / Then Thou, Lord, wilt unite / around Thee the
host of believers, / and shalt appear with them / glorified,
wonderful.

1. Jesus, to Thee we sing songs of thanks; / richly streams
for us the flood of grace. / To Thee we bring praise and
glory and honour - / Thou, Lord Jesus, hast done all things
well.
2. All our sins are annulled; / There above Thy precious blood
speaks for us. / Yes, the Throne of Grace is set up; / Thou,
Lord Jesus, hast done all things well.
3. Thy grace, Thy kindness we know, / our heart rests in Thy
love. / No one can tell Thy fullness - / Thou, Lord Jesus,
hast done all things well.
4. Thou hast gone to prepare a place for us; / sweet hope
strengthens the pilgrim's courage, / and Thy Spirit will
accompany us here faithfully; / Thou, Lord Jesus, hast done
all things well.
5. Then when beholding Thee, we'll bring Thee honour, / Every
faithful fighter shall rest victoriously; / happy hearts
will sing eternally: / Thou, Lord Jesus, hast done all things
well.

1. To honour Thee, O Father, / to bring Thee praise and thanks, /
is what we desire always, / when we draw nigh with songs of
praise. / When we were weak and sinful, / Thou didst give
Thy Beloved then, / when we were nothing but enemies, / Thine
own Son did die for us.
2. The rich fullness of Thy love / surpasses all understanding; /
fully, unveiled, Thou hast / shown it to us in Thy Son. /
And to sing of Thy love / is the true joy of our heart; /
to bring Thee honour, praise, and thanks / is only blessed-
ness for us.

1. God, the fullness of Thy love / comforts us and makes us
still, / however steep the way may be. / If need should bow
us down, / and no way out be seen - / enough that Thou art
Love.
2. We may joyfully say / that Thou in every situation / never
forgettest Thine own. / And should the foe delude us, / even
disturb us through doubt - / enough that Thou art Love.

3. Thy love without compare / will never depart from us, / in spite of Satan's power and craft. / We may look upward, / and cry in full confidence - / enough that Thou art Love!

154 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Oh, what love! He's interceding, / lift your eyes and see Him there! / There! In Heaven! for us pleading, / Satan's threats have lost their power. / Christ has conquered powers of darkness, / He's ascended up on high, / now He shows Himself unto us / like the Day Star in the sky.
2. That Bright Morning Star's my Saviour, / guiding, keeping through the night. / He with hands uplifted ever, / gives us peace, midst darkness, Light, / Though our foes are cruel, relentless, / though th' Accuser threatens me, / I have Jesus for me praying, / who then can against me be?
3. Lord, Thou prayest for Thy loved ones, / that we may not have a doubt, / E'en the sorest tribulation / Thou dost make for good work out. / Every burden, Lord, Thou barest. / Why not cast on Thee our care? / Every sorrow Lord, Thou sharest / in Thy never ceasing prayer.

154 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. What love! Jesus is praying! / Believing we gaze upward. /
His mediator-voice speaks / for us to the Father's ear. /
He entered into heaven, / victoriously, full of glory, /
yet His heart remains full of longing / to bless us at all
times.
2. And He prays without tiring / even now for our souls, too; /
His prayer preserves the peace / that like dew moistens our
heart. / May the host of enemy even rage, / Satan himself
accuse us; / Jesus' hands are uplifted - / who is it that
can harm us?
3. Yea, Thou prayest for Thine own; / what confidence this
gives us! / That which may appear bitter to us / becomes
sweet through this consciousness. / Thou dost help us bear
every pain, / Thou canst understand every sorrow, / and in
all circumstances Thou wilt / constantly plead for us to the
Father.

1. Lord, remain in Thy grace / with us at this time! / The enemy seeks to harm us; / keep us free from him! / May Thy word, O Jesus, alone / lead us always here, / so that none of us may slide / nor go astray from Thee!
2. May it (Thy word) be strength and life to us, / light in the dark night; / may it always lift us up / when we are fearful here. / Hold us close to Thy heart; / O Jesus! Thy hand / will soon allay all pains / and lead us to the Father's land.
3. Then we shall joyfully sing / to Thee, our highest treasure, / shall bring Thee praise and honour / that Thou hast purchased us / for our God by Thy blood, / to be a kingdom of priests / because Thou hast died for us; / to Thee, Lord, be praise and glory!

1. I'm going home! Am only a stranger here below. / I find no home here, neither do I find peace; / In this world nothing can gladden my heart. / I'am going home! I'm going home!

2. I'm going home! Constantly accompanied by Jesus; - / On a laborious path He gently leads me / until glorified I shall praise Him in the holy band. / I'm going home! I'm going home!
3. I'm going home! Soon the prize shall be won. / Cheer up, cheer up! the wilderness will soon be passed! / Homesickness increases, and my Beloved approaches. / I'm going home! I'm going home!
4. I'm going home! How sweet these sounds are! / O blessed home, where the multitude of the brethren / I'll find, and never see separate again! / I'm going home! I'm going home!
5. I'm going home! There in the midst of the saints / I shall see the Lamb; and following His steps / I shall loudly proclaim how glorious is Jesus. / I'm going home! I'm going home!

1. O Lamb of God! Thou Thyself hast borne / our curse and the load of our sins. / What enemy can dare to condemn / us, Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed?

2. Yes, Thy work is now accomplished; / in Thee our salvation stands eternally fixed. / God's wrath is turned from us; / God's love only do we enjoy.
3. Precious sacrifice, Thou the Fullness of blessing! / Comfort and joy flow constantly from Thee. / Blessed peace makes the heart so calm; / for Thy Spirit is here our Guide.
4. Not much longer, and Thee shall / all Thine own see there face to face. / Every heart shall then understand Thee fully, / every mouth exultingly praise Thee.

1. Look up! The night flees, / the morning dawns. / Tears of sorrow, shed at night, / gleam when the morning shines; / all rejoice there in the light / before the countenance of the Saviour. / Look up, blessed bride!
2. No longer distant / art Thou, bright Morning Star! / Soon the trumpet shall sound / for all Thy faithful warriors, / to call them out of the world / which in enmity still surrounds them. / (Thou) art not distant, Morning Star!

3. Precious Lord, / constantly increase our longing, / until after the short dawning of the morn /we, there above, shall behold Thy countenance, / and the sight of Thee unveiled / shall completely still our longing. / Precious Lord, Honour be to Thee!

1. Father, let us be obedient like children / and devote ourselves as overcomers / through Jesus. / To live for Thee alone here, / to seek Thy honour: / That may be our endeavour / increasingly day by day.
2. Unite us together / keep us close to Thyself, / and in the name of Jesus / watch over us here. / May our hearts be enlarged / by Thy love and grace; / may Thy fear lead us / on the narrow pathway.
3. Sincere compassion / may we gladly exercise / and never neglect those / who are wretched and poor, / where we see needs, / open our hearts and hands / because we, too, are still going / here through a foreign land.

4. Let us in all things / imitate Thee. / The desire and accomplishment / are wrought by Thee; and through shame, / affliction, mockery, and suffering / Thou exercisest our patience, / Thou wouldst to prepare us, / God, according to Thy grace.
5. Let us show all diligence / in the time of sowing / and praise Thee always / by word and deed. / There will never be an end / to our time of reaping, / where we honour Thee, / Father, in eternity

1. True vine, originated in God, / life, which has wrought everything, / Thou hast chosen, as Thy companions / branches without any strength. / Thou hast made them one with Thee / grafted them eternally into Thyself / now, the Father still purifieth them / and leadeth them on to more fruitfulness.

2. To become completely one with Thee, / to be one plant with Thee, / is the most precious thing on earth, / everything else is only a mere show. / But in order to bear fruit in abundance / we are set in Thee here / and after a few short days of affliction, / the rest will be even more appreciated.
3. Rich reward is promised for those, / who have brought forth fruit for Thee, Lord. / Let us show faithfulness to Thee / always having our eyes fixed to the end. / When we are manifested with Thee / we shall confess Thee to Thy honour: / to Thee belongs every work, / to Thee who wast mighty in weakness.

1. I praise Thee! Thou didst come down, / Thou didst seek me, hast freed me from death. / Only life I see - I see Thyself, Lord Jesus. / I praise Thee! I praise Thee!
2. I praise Thee! Thou hast given Thyself; - / For lost ones Thou didst consecrate Thy precious life. / Only love I see - I see Thyself, Lord Jesus. / I praise Thee! I praise Thee!

3. I praise Thee! once Thy blood was shed; / it flowed for my sins on the cross. / Reconciliation I see - I see Thyself, Lord Jesus. / I praise Thee! I praise Thee!
4. I praise Thee! Thy work is completely finished; / Righteousness has freed me from condemnation. / Only grace I see - I see Thyself, Lord Jesus. / I praise Thee! I praise Thee!
5. I praise Thee! Thou I still wend my way here below, / I wend my way with Thee, enjoy Thy peace. / Refreshment I have - I see Thyself, Lord Jesus. / I praise Thee! I praise Thee!
6. I praise Thee! Thou hast gone on before; / I gaze after Thee with ardent desire. / Full of hope I am - I see Thyself, Lord Jesus. / I praise Thee! I praise Thee!
7. I praise Thee! Soon Thou shalt still my longing, / wilt take me unto Thyself with all Thine own. / O blessed joy - I see Thyself, Lord Jesus. / I praise Thee! I praise Thee!

1. Everything be committed to Thee, / Thou shalt be counsel and helper. / Thou art Truth, Way, and Life, / I entrust myself to Thee alone. / Even should the way go through many difficulties, / Yet Thou dost already foresee the outcome / and Thy way at length carries with it / the desired victory.
2. Thy truth cannot deceive, / because Thou Thyself art the Truth; / Thy love is never exhausted, / because Thou Thyself art love. / Thou wilt fulfil all that / which Thy holy Word promises, / and shalt perfectly still my heart; / Nothing shall tear this comfort from me.
3. Yea, Thou wilt keep me faithful, / wilt lead me through Thy Spirit, / and my faith shall experience / that Thou art called Counsel and Helper. / I entrust myself into Thy hands, look to Thy guidance; / and Thy gracious consummation / leads me to eternal rest.

163 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Wait on the Lord, my soul, wait on the Lord! / Cast on Him
thy burden, help He will afford. / Thou need'st not fear, /
soon the morning clear / will end winter's sorrow with the
springtide's cheer. / Though need assail thee on every side /
God is ever faithful, He will provide.
2. Wait on the Lord, my soul, wait on the Lord! / Cast on Him
thy burden, help He will afford. / When all things fail /
God's strength must prevail. / Though thy need o'erwhelm
thee, God can never fail. / Still we may trust Him. Saviour
in need! / God is ever faithful, He'll cheer and lead.
3. Wait on the Lord, my soul, wait on the Lord! / Cast on Him
thy burden, help He will afford. / Soon comes release, /
pilgrim trials will cease, / and the conflict over, Jesus
gives us peace. / There all our sorrow and need are past, /
God is ever faithful, joy comes at last.

163 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. Wait my soul, wait upon the Lord! / Commit all to Him, for He helps so gladly. / Be undismayed! / Soon the morning will dawn, / and a new spring will follow after winter. / In all storms, in all trouble, / He, the faithful God, will protect Thee!
2. Wait my soul, wait upon the Lord! / Commit all to Him, for He helps so gladly. / When everything breaks / God does not forsake us; / For the trouble is not greater than the Helper. / Eternal faithfulness! Saviour in trouble! / Gladden our hearts, Thou faithful God!
3. Wait my soul, wait upon the Lord! / Commit all the Him, for He helps so gladly. / Soon shall end / our pilgrim course / and complaints shall cease when Jesus receives us. / After all sorrows, after all troubles / there follow eternal joys, Thou faithful God!

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1. Praise and thanks be sung to Thee, / Lamb of God, who died for us! / Thy love has led Thee / to go forth into death and grave. / Lamb of God who died for us, / only Thy heart can love like this; / this shows us the night of suffering / and what Thou hast accomplished on the cross.

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2. What praying, what wrestling / we see in Gethsemane! /
Even the angel had to bring Thee, / Lord, strength from
above. / Jesus in Gethsemane! / Here, Thou hast fought
alone, / and according to Thy Father's will, / hast accept-
ed the cup of suffering.

3. But on the tree of the cross, / on the hill Golgotha, / the
flame of complete love manifested / what Thou hast done for
us. / On the hill Golgotha - / there Thou hast completed
Thy work, / hast reconciled and justified us. / Praise and
honour be brought to Thee.

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all, with
us all, Amen!

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1. Lord, direct our minds upward, / and graciously open each
ear, / lead us by Thy Spirit into Thy Word, / and let it
be our food!

2. That every heart might be composed, / make us free from
care and unrest, / do Thou move the depths of our hearts, /
and make Thy grace known to us!
3. At the waters of life, still and pure, / let us all be
made to lie down; / do Thou Thyself give the good, right
Word, / Thou Saviour of the body, Shepherd, and Safe Retreat!

1. Thou, Lord, art mine, Oh, what grace, / Oh, what kindness,
I am now Thine! / What on my pilgrim-pathway could / be
yet more precious, yet higher? / That which gladdens me,
which refreshes me, / my faith constantly views in Thee.
2. Thou hast died for me on the cross; / there Thou didst take
my place. / Thy blood has fully won me, / with body and
soul I am Thine. / To be Thy slave is greater honour / than
to be king over land and hosts.
3. I have enough because I have Thee; / my spirit rejoices
fervently. / Where is there to be found such a gift / on
earth and in heaven? / My heart - too big for all things - /
too small to encompass Thee.

4. O thanks to Thee, Jesus! Glory and honour / belong to Thee,
to Thee alone. / I long to live entirely for Thee, / to
dedicate my whole heart to Thee only, / that even in the
most severe testings / Thy name may be exalted in me.

1. Thank our God and give Him honour, / for He is kind at all
times! / Rejoice that His goodness lasts / from eternity to
eternity! / Yea, praise Him with heart and mouth; / He alone
is worthy of praise. / A song of praise be every hour / which
His goodness grants us!
2. Thou, Great God, art our Strength, / art our Light in the
dark night. / By wonderful works Thou hast / brought us
salvation and redemption. / We were hopelessly lost, /
Entangled in the lusts of the world and of sin. / Thou
hast chosen us for Thyself, / removed us from the evil
enemy's might .

3. Heart and tongue should praise Thee, / exalt Thy majesty. / Thy fame, O God, be highly exalted, / which reaches above all heavens! / Thy father-countenance full of mercy / beams upon us at every time. / Thou bearest Thy people upon mighty arms, / Thou great God from eternity!

1. Lord, when around Thee alone / our hearts move, / then as heaven's dew flows / down Thy richest blessing. / Therefore draw us with might / upward to Thee even now; / give quietness of mind, / and sanctify mouth and ear!
2. Graciously banish / the enemy's wicked powers; / fill with Thy Spirit / the souls of Thy servants! / Yea, instil Thy power / in every word, / and let heart and mind / be fixed upon Thee!

1. Blessed hope! Thou art coming again, / wilt not leave Thy members behind. / Soon new hymns will proclaim / our everlasting bliss above. / Then every wish will be fulfilled, / our longing entirely stilled.
2. Thy members then shall rest / eternally there, united with Thee. / No distress shall return again; / no tear shall flow as here. / Eternally distant shall be all sorrow; / bliss shall fill every heart.
3. And then worshipping, will sing / Thy dearly purchased band, / bringing honour to Thee, the Lamb, / exalting God for evermore. / What a blessing, to be with Thee! / Come, Lord Jesus, lead us there!

171 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Lord in mercy look upon us, / all Thy people now down here. / By Thy hand Thou dost protect us. / Saving from the devil's snare, / armour for the road providest, / we for nought shall ever lack: / Grace and strength and wisdom givest, / thus the Shepherd tends His flock.

2. Little Flock, your Shepherd leads you, / in right paths, by waters still. / With green pastures ever feeds you, / tends your sick with loving skill. / Grace unailing, love unceasing, / strength 'gainst foes you need not fear. / Gracious words of heavenly teaching, / all tell forth Thy Shepherd's care.

3. Now, O Lord, Thy sheep expert Thee, / draw my heart to follow on. / Comfort, strengthen and protect me, / till Thy sheep to Thee art come. / Let us now share Thy best blessing, / let us like to Mary be, - / she who chose the better portion, / at Thy feet to learn of Thee.

171 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. Lord, Thou dost look down in grace / upon Thine own at all times, / in blessing, dost spread Thy hands / over them in conflict and sorrow. / Food for the soul for the journey / dost Thou grant untiringly; / dost also grant for the pilgrimage / light and wisdom, courage and strength.

2. All the sheep of Thy flock / Thou dost lead in love and kindness, / makest them lie down in green pastures, / dost lift up and bear them with patience, / dost bless always, dost forsake them never, / dost protect them against Satan's guile, / dost remain their sure strong safe Retreat, / dost teach them by Thy precious Word.
3. Direct also in this hour / our hearts, Lord, unto Thee! / Comfort, teach, nourish, care for, / give what is needed to everyone here! / And in peace be there allotted / to us even now the good portion. / Let us do as Mary did - / rest quietly at Thy feet!

1. Son of God! Worshipping we see / in Thee the image of the Father, / God's glory and grace, / His unveiled love. / Amazed we bow down, / sing to Thee, the Lord of the world, / who upholds the universe, / our hymns of praise and thanks; / praise loudly with the creation, / Thee, O Lord, who sustains it.

2. Lamb of God! - Thou didst come down / out from the Father's glory, / didst tread Thy way through this world of sin / granting blessing, consecrated to God. / Didst suffer quietly without complaints, / didst let Thyself for our guilt - / Oh, wonderful grace! - / Willingly wast nailed to the accursed tree. / Thanks to Thee, precious Sacrificial Lamb, / Son of God upon the cross!

3. Lamb of God! - Thou dwellest there above now, / crowned with glory on God's throne. / Victoriously Thou hast overcome / Satan's might and the mockery of men. / Exulting holy choirs sing / since that great work is finished: / To Thee, the Lamb, be given / might and glory and honour! / And we joyful blend our voices: / Thou art worthy, Thou alone!

1. Thou lovest us, Thou faithful God and Father, / as never man has loved. / Thou lovest us; not even in a mother's heart / : Is there such love. :/

2. Thou lovest us! Thou gavest Thine only begotten - / the Son
of Thy bosom. / Thou lovest us, unworthy as we were, /
: And sinful, poor, and naked. :/
3. Thou lovest us! With garments of eternal salvation / Thou
hast clothed us; / Thou lovest us - as much-loved children /
: Worshipping we approach Thee. :/
4. Thou lovest us, and didst pour Thy love / out into our
hearts. / Thou lovest us! Therefore we cheerfully hasten /
: Home into the Father's house. :/

174 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Jesus, God's Lamb, in the midst / of the throne Thou art
crowned; / Thou once on Calvary sufferedst, / of man the
disowned; / worthy art Thou, / glory encircles Thy brow, /
Son of the Father enthroned.
2. We Thy beloved assembled / remember Thy dying; / unto the
death of our Lord / our full hearts are replying; / Thou
hast loved us, / Jesus, who gav'st Thyself thus; / we on
Thy love are relying.

3. Here upon earth till Thy coming / Thy death we are showing; / but unto Thee in the glory / our hearts are outgoing; / to Thee above, / centre of glory and love, / gladly our worship is flowing.

· 174 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. Jesus, Lamb of God, crowned there above in glory / (Thou) wast once here, and dying on the cross hast reconciled us. / Eternal Son, / didst go from cross to the throne, / Thou wast despised here below.
2. Thy beloved ones, gathered to exalt Thee, / those whom Thou hast led from death to eternal life, / worship Thee, / who hast done so great things, / even given Thyself for us.
3. Praise and worship be to Thy most holy name. / High and exalted it is above every name! / Here already be praise, / praise one day to Thee in glory! / Praise be to Thee eternally! Amen.

1. To Thee, our highly exalted Lord, / whom the hosts of angels
praise, / to whom everything, near and far, / shall one day
bow, here as there above, / we also bring homage, / for Thou
hast died for us, / hast acquired us through Thy blood. /
Honour, praise, and glory be to Thee!
2. To behold Thee in glory, / object of highest honours, /
crowned with fame in eternity - / is the goal that we desire. /
And when we after this time / stand there glorified with Thee, /
everyone shall yet see in us, / Lord, only Thy glory.

1. Look down upon us / O Thou faithful Retreat! / Teach us
through Thy Word, / increase in us Thy grace, / that we on
our narrow pathway / might walk to Thy glory, / as Thy pos-
session, / willing and resigned / to live for Thee alone.
2. Thou knowest our hearts; / Thou knowest every need, / O Thou
faithful God! / Where the help of men ends, / Thy hands re-
main mighty. / And Thou wilt not leave us, / remainest our
Protection and Light, / leadest us through conflict and suf-
ferings / to eternal joys.

1. O Father, see Thine own / uniting here before Thee / in child-like prayer. / Thou gladly hearest their pleading, / wilt provide for everything well; / Thy heart at all times is open to us.
2. Thou speakest Thy yea and amen / when we in Jesus' name / asking, approach Thee, Father. / The treasures of Thy grace / are, on the pilgrim pathway, / opened richly to Thine own.
3. Therefore let us trust Thee, / build upon Thy goodness / which is new every morning. / Thy love is without wavering; / so teach us to ask, to give thanks, / in childlike simplicity without shyness.

1. Praise be to Thee, O Lamb, / root and offspring of David! / Thou hast atoned for our guilt, / didst bear the curse which we deserved. / Praise be to Thee, O Lamb, / root and offspring of David!
2. In what deep need / didst Thou cry unto God: / "Why hast Thou forsaken Me?" / Oh, who can comprehend Thy woe! / In what deep need / didst Thou cry unto God!

3. Thou, made sin, / didst sink into death's night. / Thou who knewest no sin, / who didst call Thyself "the Life", / Thou, made sin / didst sink into death's night.
4. Now God is honoured, / Satan's might destroyed, / countless hosts set free, / which were the prey of death. / God honoured in Thee, / Satan's might destroyed.
5. Oh, worship to Thee, / praise and thanks for this! / Highly exalted above all / Thou dwellest, Lamb of God, above. / Oh, worship to Thee, / praise and thanks for this!

1. Hope of our hearts, / be no longer far from us, / bright Morning Star! / Ah, appear to our view; / let us soon go towards / Thee, O Lamb of God, / our bridegroom! / Hope of our hearts, / end of all sorrows!
2. No place of rest / is upon this earth / worth seeking for us. / Continual conflict remains ours here below; / our soul finds peace nowhere; / only in the Father's house / shall we rest with Thee. / There all longings will cease; / no tears will flow.

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3. Yes, already here on earth / this joy strengthens us / in the time of trial. / But there above free from sorrow, / our hearts shall be fully delighted - / no longer separated, / constantly with Thee, O Lord, / where no sorrow oppresses us, / eternal rest refreshes us.

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To Him who loves us, / and has washed us / from our sins in His blood / and has made us a kingdom, / Priests to His God and Father: / To Him be the glory and might / from eternity to eternity! Amen, Amen.

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1. Lord Thy Word is spirit and life, / given us for light and salvation; / how have we experienced this so often! / (Thou) hast met us today, too, / hast generously and graciously blessed, / led us into green pastures. / Thou openest Thy Word to us, / strengthenest us in the pilgrim course, / till the goal, / at every appointed time; / how blessed it is / that Thou Thyself art our Shepherd!

2. As the sheep of Thy flock, / whom Thou hast ransomed from
this earth, / we are now Thine for eternity. / Let the Word
out of Thy mouth, / which Thou gavest anew in this hour, /
also go with us to stand watching, / and waiting, to look
upon Thee, / faithful in little things! / Soon we shall rest, /
O Lord, with Thee, / and shall praise Thee then for ever
and ever.

Thanks and glory and blessing, / might, wisdom, honour and
worship / belong to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ! / Eternally
Thou art to be highly exalted, / on earth as well as in
heaven above, / Thou, Lamb of God, who art glorified! /
Thy work remaineth forever, / Thy victory can never pass
away, / to the honour of God. / On His throne / Thou rejoicest
already now / in the fruit and reward of Thy travail.

1. O Word of Life, how can we thank enough / that Thou didst come in flesh, / and drawn by the deepest cords of love / didst take a bondman's form! / Thou wast not ashamed of sinners, / didst Thyself go into judgment for them, / and didst die for their sins.
2. No man can comprehend this wonder; / no angel can understand it. / Faith beholds it and worships, / admires what has taken place. / Our praise therefore be consecrated to Thee, / for to Thee, the Lord of glory, / belongs praise, honour, and fame.

1. Great Saviour of the lost, / God's holy sacrificial Lamb, / crowned with thorns, laden with the curse, / Thou didst hang upon the cross!
2. On Thee, the Lord, the Prince of Life, / did the mockery and reproach of men fall; / To Thee, the Pure, the Spotless One, / came the bitter wages of sin.

3. Surrounded by death's night, / Thou hast atoned for our
guilt; / still and mute, forsaken of God, / Thou didst bear
what we had earned.
4. Risen from among the dead, / Thou dost reign as Son of Man /
Now at the right hand of God above - / sinners He gave Thee
for a reward!
5. Great Saviour of the lost! / He who now believingly trusts
in Thee, / shall nevermore be put to shame, / has built
upon the rock foundation.

185 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Abba, Father, we approach Thee / in our Saviour's precious
name; / we, Thy children, here assembling, / now the prom-
ised blessing claim. / From our guilt His blood has washed
us, / 'tis through Him our souls draw nigh; / and Thy Spirit
too has taught us / "Abba, Father", thus to cry.

2. Once as prodigals we wandered / in our folly far from Thee; /
but Thy grace, o'er sin abounding, / rescued us from misery; /
Thou the prodigals hast pardoned, / kissed us with a Father's
love; / killed the fatted calf, and called us / e'er to dwell
with Thee above.
3. Clothed in garments of salvation, / at Thy table is our place; /
we rejoice, and Thou rejoicest, / in the riches of Thy grace. /
"It is meet," we hear Thee saying, / "We should merry be and
glad; / I have found My once lost children, / now they live
who once were dead."
4. Abba, Father, we adore Thee, / while the hosts in heaven
above / e'en in us now learn the wonders / of Thy wisdom,
grace, and love. / Soon before Thy throne assembled, / all
Thy children shall proclaim / Abba's love as shown in Jesus, /
and how full is Abba's name!

185 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. Abba, Father, we approach Thee / in the name of our Lord. /
Thy children's songs of thanks / dost Thou, Father, hear
so gladly. / United here at the Lord's table / who died for
us on the cross, / worshipping we behold the love / which
so dearly acquired us.
2. Erstwhile slaves in Satan's chains, / hateworthy, full of
guilt, / we stand as beloved children / in Thy fatherly
favour now. / Into the eternal kingdom of the Son / of Thy
love now translated, / in the Resurrected One we are / now
the delight of Thy heart.
3. And in us, who are gathered here, / the countless host of
the angels beholds / all the wonders of Thy wisdom, / the
broad ocean of Thy love. / Abba, Father! Honour be to Thee /
at all times through Jesus Christ. / Eternally, eternally
praised be / Thou who art Light and Love!

1. Worship to Thee, the Lamb, / who bore our sins. / There
upon the cross / Thou didst become a curse for us! / Praise
to Thee, that Thou hast given / in fervent glow of love /
Thy precious life for us, / and Thine atoning blood.
2. Who could ever fathom / the depths and the heights, / and
who find understanding / of that which happened there! /
Thou, the Source of all life, / the Son of the eternal God, /
Thou hast in our place / tasted the wages of sin!
3. Praise and worship bring / we to Thee, O Lord, for this! /
Of Thy love sing: / we in weakness here already. / What shall
it be when there above / in Thy glory / every mouth shall
praise Thee, / O Lamb, in eternity!

1. I journey through a wilderness, / through a wicked world, /
where to Thy praise / Thy strong arm upholds me.
2. Thy nearness makes me rejoice / so that I do not regard
the toil. / And when the enemy threatens, / Thy might pro-
tects me.

3. My heart, filled by Thee, / goes happily along the pilgrim path. / Out of Thy heart gushes / peace, joy, and grace for me.
4. So I hasten toward Thee, / Thee, my faithful Lord. / Soon the richest blessing shall come - / Thy coming is not far off.

1. Jesus, Thou! Jesus, Thou! / Thou art the Rest of my soul, / art my Comfort on my journey, / my Strength and my Food, / leadest me toward the Father's house.
2. Fervently, fervently, / my soul is longing! / Oh, when will I come to Thee, / where I, taken out of this world, / will see Thee, O Lord Jesus?
3. Not much longer, not much longer - / Oh, what a heavenly joyful sound! / Soon, beholding Thee, I will praise Thee, / Lord, with all Thy saints above. / Then will sound eternal songs of praise.

4. What will it be, what will it be, / when Thou dost
usher me in above! / Where sin and the world will no
longer disturb, / never will a sigh be heard, - /
eternally I will be with Thee.

1. I wend my way (as pilgrim) abroad, / unknown by men, / but
Thy hands guide / me faithfully to the fatherland. / With
every difficult step / my faith perceives Thee; / I find
Thy footprints here / which Thou has once made for me.
2. Do I go on rough ways, / on a troublesome path - / I hasten
toward Thee; / Thy grace leads me. / Will the course weary
me, / and do I nowhere find rest? / Yet my heart is at peace, /
because Thou art my rest.
3. And when I find myself weak, / so small against the cunning
of Satan, / I nevertheless overcome / because Thou art at my
side. / Art Food and Drink upon earth, / where bread and
fountain are lacking. / How could I become fearful? - / (Thou)
hast even numbered my hairs!

1. Still the longing of our hearts, / lead us out of the land of tears! / Here where enemies surround us, / Satan lays a thousand snares for us, / Thy praise resounds but weakly. / Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus, come!
2. The saints are completely divided, / unity is no more to be seen. / Satan's craftiness has devastated it, / sin and the world deceived many a heart; / alas, how much Thou art dishonoured! / Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus, come!
3. Then all weakness shall end, / never a heart turn from Thee. / Every one shall gladly greet Thee, / and fully enjoy Thy love, / and worship at Thy feet. / Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus, come!
4. Gloriously shalt Thou then appear, / in the midst of all Thine own. / Earth and heaven shall bestow / glory and praise everywhere. / Oh, what a blessed consummation! / Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus, come!

1. Thou, Lord, dost answer when we pray, / and in faith look up to Thee; / Thou wilt at all times represent us, / guard us on our pilgrim way. / We can go freshly and securely / if we look, O Lord, only on Thee.
2. Thou hast borne the cross for us, / Thou didst go before and dost draw us after Thee, / Thou hast vanquished the foe for us, / and givest the victory for us every day. / Thy might shall carry and protect us / until we shall have finished the good fight.
3. It is a privilage to go outside, / to follow in Thy footsteps, / with Thee to be far from the camp, / and willingly to bear Thy shame, / to be consecrated to the praise of God / until Thou wilt lead us into rest.

192 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. O Lord, Thou didst for sin atone / when on the cross Thyself alone, / didst bear for us sin's wages. / But now within the Holy Place / Thou ever liv'st in power and grace, / no tongue can tell Thy praises.

2. As priest for us, Thou'rt ever there / to serve Thy people
now by prayer, / on Heaven's throne now seated. / O Death
and Judgment, where's your sting? / You now to us no terrors
bring; / salvation's work's completed.
3. The length and breadth of Thy vast love, / its height and
depth, each thought above, / all knowledge far surpasseth. /
Angels with awe approach Thy throne / and join with us to
gladly own / Thy love that never ceaseth.
4. And now because Thy work is done / a sure and steadfast
hope's our own / that Thou shalt come in glory. / Thou'lt
take us to Thy Father's House / and ever there in joyful
praise, / we'll worship and adore Thee.

192 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. Thou, Lord, hast atoned for our guilt; / on the cross didst
bear what we deserved, / didst bear the multitude of our
sins. / Now Thou dost dwell in the sanctuary; / Thy renown
cannot be expressed, / nor the length of Thy life.
2. Thou remainest a Priest for evermore, / representest Thine
own mightily; / Thou inhabitest the heavens. / Judgment
and death no longer terrify us; / Thy blood protects and
covers us at all times, / because Thou, Lord, art enthroned
above.

3. Who comprehends the work of Thy love, / and who fathoms Thy grace, / which so richly surrounds us? / Even angels approach Thy throne, / and, amazed, worship with us, / that Thou hast loved us.
4. And when Thou wilt have accomplished Thy service / our longing will be fully stilled; / then Thou wilt come again. / Wilt lead us into Thy rest, / where we shall rejoice to see Thy face / and honour Thee with eternal praise.

193 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. O God, within the holy place, / receive our worship, thanks, and praise, / for Thy great love so precious. / When we were sinners bound in sin / like prisoners locked their cells within, / then, Thou Lord, came and freed us. / The riches of Thy boundless love / Thy tender heart didst freely move. / So Thou didst come and save us.

2. Thou would'st not have poor sinners die, / but have them
turn to Thee and cry, / "Thou art our God and Saviour." /
In Thy dear Son, Thou didst us choose, / from sin, and
death to set us loose, / and place us in His favour. / Now,
"Abba Father" we may cry, / for in Thy Son, we are brought
nigh, / and blessed in Him forever.

3. But soon He'll come, and take His Own, / and have us with
Him, round Thy Throne / to worship and adore Thee. / Then
shall Thy praise most sweetly sound, / to Heaven and earth's
remorest bound, / from that redeemed assembly. / Yet now, O
Lord, we long to raise / our worship, homage, thanks, and
praise / and ever bow before Thee.

193 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. Adoration, honour, thanks, and glory / be to Thee, O God,
in the sanctuary / for Thy great love, / which Thou hast
shown toward us / when we in deep night of sin / lay cap-
tive in death! / Thou art rich in mercy; / Thy love far sur-
passes / all thought and knowledge.

2. Thou didst not want the sinner's death; / as Saviour-God
Thou wouldest / bring us salvation and life. / Chosen in
the Beloved, / Thou hast set Thyself before us / who are
children of Thy love. / O Abba, Father, what joy! / Thine
eye rests full of grace and favour / upon us with pleasure.

3. Soon shall we before Thy throne, / to Thee, our Father, and
the Son, / sing an eternal song of praise. / Then shall the
praise be full / when all creation shall join in / with the
choirs of the redeemed. / But now already in this time let /
adoration, praise, and thanks be consecrated / to Thee,
Father, and the Lamb!

194 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Through waves, through clouds and storms, / God gently clears
the way; / we wait His time; so shall the night / soon end in
blissful day.

2. He everywhere hath sway, / and all things serve His might; /
His every act pure blessing is, / His path unsullied light.

3. When He makes bare His arm, / who shall His work withstand? /
When He His people's cause defends, / who then shall stay His
hand?
4. We leave it to Himself / to choose and to command, / with
wonder filled, we soon shall see / how wise, how strong His
hand.

194 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. Commit thy ways / and all that troubles thy heart / to the
most faithful care of Him / who governs the heaven! / He,
who gives way, course and direction / to clouds, air and
winds, / He will also find ways / where thy foot can walk.
2. Thou must trust the Lord / if it shall go well with thee. /
Thou must look upon His work, / if thy work should remain. /
With worrying and with grieving / and with thy own torturing /
thou canst not receive anything from God, / it must be prayed
for.

3. Ways He has all the time, / with Him there is no lack of means; / His doing is only blessing / His way is only light, / nobody can hinder His work, / His labour cannot rest, / if He wants to do something / which is of benefit to His children.
4. Leave it to Him to do and rule! / He is a wise prince / and will act in such a way / that thou wilt be amazed, / when He, as He must - / will carry out in a wonderful way / the work which has troubled thee.

1. Lord, Thy word, Thy precious gift, / preserve this treasure for me! / Because I prefer it to all possessions / and to the greatest riches. / If Thy word should not count any more, / where shall my faith be based? / I'm not interested in thousand worlds / but to do Thy word.
2. Eternal Word, Thou Yea and Amen! / Lord, do Thou watch over me / that in Thy name I may, / firmly stand by Thy word! / Let me know Thy will, / learning as Mary did; / let me zealously strive / to follow Thee from morning till night.

1. Dumb as a lamb before its shearers, / Thou, O Lord, hast suffered on the cross for our guilt, / where Thou didst die in the midst of sinners / an atoning death for us.
2. In fear, agony and deepest sorrow, / in order to deliver us from the bondage of sin, / Thou hast broken our chains by Thy death, / hast obtained grace and blessings for us.
3. Yes, Amen! Thou, Lord Jesus art worthy / of all might, wisdom, glory and honour! / May our hearts overflow with / Thy praise, great Saviour, Thou!

1. Behold, how pleasant and how good / it is for brethren to dwell in peace / and to work together in unity / without falseness, deceit and cunning!
2. As the precious ointment flows / and runs down from the head / to the skirts of the high priest's garments, / so that it smells sweetly far and wide.

3. As the dew of Hermon's heights / descends upon the mountain of Zion, / so good and pleasant it is / to see brethren in unity.
4. For there the Lord commands / rich blessings more and more, / and the humble place will become / the place of eternal blessing.

1. We come before Thy face, O God, / in order to serve Thee; / as priests here in Thy light / we have appeared before Thee, / because our Lord / has given Himself as sacrifice for us, / to Thy honour / and for our salvation and life.
2. Thy holy wrath came in judgment / upon the pure one for our guilt. / Although the Lord lay on His face / in prayer and crying, / He went forth / with a settled mind / and bore the greatest sufferings - / the Lord of glory!

3. How He has born for us the curse / on the cross in full obedience! / He suffered and kept silent - however terribly hard / Thy sword has smitten Him! / He stepped down / into death and the grave, / has reconciled us with Thyself, / and Thou hast crowned Him.
4. In adoration we look to Him / who is the delight of Thy heart. / In Him we see loveliness / and give homage to the Son. / How can we thank / Thee, O Father, / that we have in Him now / the greatest of all gifts!

1. We are before Thee / O Lord, in reverence / and praise Thee anew. / None ever was like Thee / great in power, rich in love, / faultless in faithfulness.
2. Thou wast to God at all times, / a sweet savour and loveliness / even in the deepest sufferings. / Thou hast completely honoured Him, / hast sacrificed Thyself in obedience, / to His delight and joy.
3. On the brazen altar / they offered once sacrifices / before the holy place. / Thou the blameless Lamb / didst die on the cross / to the eternal glory of God.

4. We cannot comprehend / Lord, what the eye of the Father saw /
in that which happened there; / but we too perceive here /
already glories in Thee / beyond all measure.
5. Precious Lord, we praise Thee, / we worship Thee in reverence, /
we sing unto Thy name. / Thou art worthy of the highest
praise / Thou art the One honoured of the Father / Thou art
worthy! Amen.

1. With joy we praise, Lord Jesus, / the wonderful work of Thy
love, / which has drawn us with power / out of the deepest
depth of sin / and according to God's purposes of grace /
has set us glorified before God; / because Thou hast made us /
kings and priests, Thou hero of victory!
2. Praise and thanks be unto Thee, Redeemer, / who wast made sin
for us, / in unspeakable depth of sufferings / Thou hast
completed God's work to His honour, / hast glorified His
majesty, / hast manifested His love - / Lamb of God, be highly
exalted, / that Thou hast been slain for us!

3. Praise unto Thee, great Overcomer, / who, in a bitter path
of death, / on the blood stained tree / hast completely
vanquished every foe. / O we fall down at Thy feet, / we
praise the power of Thy victory, / we call out in worship
from our hearts: / to Thee, O Lord, adoration be brought!
4. Glory, worship, praise and honour / we bring to Thee, Lord
Jesus! / Unsearched heights and depths / are seen here with
astonishment by our faith: / Glories of Thy redemption, /
fruit of the work on the cross. / Be exalted, be praised, /
great Saviour, Lamb of God!

1. Lord Jesus, we behold / Thy cross of calvary, / where once
in deepest travail / the work of Thy love was fulfilled.
2. Disowned by the people / which have tasted of Thy grace, /
beaten and scourged, / and covered with shame and scorn.
3. Crowned with thorns for mockery, / none of the disciples
followed Thee anymore, / betrayed and denied, / only enemies
round about Thyself -

4. So, Thou didst go forth to the cross, / as the faithful servant of God, / moved by an eternal love, / obedient and just.
5. There Thou wast forsaken / of Him, the Holy God. / Who can comprehend Thy grief / and the agony of Thy soul?
6. The wages, which we have deserved / for our wrong doings, / Thou hadst to receive / according to God's holy Council.
7. Thou hast done for us, the poor, / such marvellous, wonderful things. / We praise Thee for Thy mercy / and worship Thee with thanks!

202 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Lord, e'en to death Thy love could go, / a death of shame and loss, / to vanquish for us every foe, / and break the strong man's force.
2. Oh! what a load was Thine to bear / alone in that dark hour, / our sins in all their terror there, / God's wrath and Satan's power!

3. The storm that bowed Thy blessed head / is hushed for ever
now, / and rest divine is ours instead, / whilst glory crowns
Thy brow.
4. Within the Father's house on high, / we soon shall sing Thy
praise; / but here, where Thou didst bleed and die, / we
learn that song to raise.

202 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. O Lord, in what afflictions and sufferings / Thou didst come
for us, / when Thou didst take away through Thy death / the
power of death from the strong.
2. Thou didst bear on the cross in agony and pain - / O love
without measure! - / the burden of sins all alone, / for-
saken of God and of man.
3. How terrible was the power of the enemy, / who surrounded
Thee there, Lord! / Triumph! Thou hast completed the work, /
by laying down Thy own life.

4. Through Thee, O Lamb of God, we now draw near / to the throne
in worship, / purchased for God on Calvary's cross / and given
to Thee, the Son.

1. Thou wast lifted up from this earth / on the cross, on the cross, /
that whosoever believes shall be saved / by the cross, by the
cross. / Swallowed up by the flood of sufferings / consumed by
the fire of judgment, / Thou gavest for us Thine own blood /
on the cross, on the cross.
2. Lamb of God, Thou hadst to die / on the cross, on the cross; /
the veil is rent / by the cross, by the cross. / The holiest
is now open, / we have access to God in worship / He has fully
accepted Thy sacrifice / there on the cross, there on the cross.
3. Triumph! The enemy is overcome / by the cross, by the cross /
and his spoil is made free / by the cross, by the cross. / Lord
Jesus to Thee be our songs of praise / throughout all eterni-
ties, / to Thee who has achieved such a victory for us / on the
cross, on the cross.

204 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Oh, day of deepest sorrow, / day of unfathomed grief, /
when Thou didst taste the horror / of wrath without relief.
2. Thou soughtest for compassion, / some heart Thy grief to
know, / to watch Thine hour of passion - / for comforters
in woe.
3. No eye was found to pity, / no heart to share Thy woe, /
but shame and scorn and spitting: / None cared Thy name to
know.
4. Then, finished all, in meekness / Thou to Thy Father's hand, /
Perfect Thy strength in weakness, / Thy spirit didst commend.
5. O Lord, Thy wondrous story / our inmost soul doth move; /
We ponder o'er Thy glory - / Thy lonely path of love.

204 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. O day of shame, of sorrow and of pains, / O day, filled with
unfathomed grief, / when Thou didst suffer, Lord Jesus, in
Thy body and in Thy heart, / the wrath of God for us.

2. Thou soughtest for compassion and for love / whether perhaps one man could feel Thy deepest grief, / and remain with Thee to comfort Thee until Thy death? / But, Thy heart did not find such a comforter!
3. Thou didst suffer silently, nothing was there to comfort Thy agony. / The enemies feast their eyes on Thy torment, / only abuse, scorn and blasphemous scoffing / came forth from the dark hearts without number.
4. In meekness Thou didst finish to the end, / the heavy work which Thy Father has given Thee, / didst commit Thy Spirit into His faithful Hands, / gavest Thyself for us in death and the grave.
5. O faithful Lord, we sing songs of thanks, / and praise Thee, Thou didst die in our stead! / We fall down in worship and adoration / before Thee who has glorified God so highly.

1. God Thou hast chosen / Thy Son as Lamb for sacrifice. / Thy love led Thee to go / with Him to the cross. / His agony did rend Thy heart / and His grief was also Thy pain. / Into the hands of Thy enemies - who can understand it! - / Thou hadst to commit Thy Son.

2. Then, in those dark hours, / before the well-beloved died, /
it was the deepest of His agonies, / that Thou didst hide
Thy face. / And He cried - Thou remainedst silent, / and
didst not turn Thyself to Him: / That we should not die as
sinners, / He was "made sin" for us.
3. And at the end He has / emptied His life into death, / has
given Himself for us, / for a sweet odour to Thee, O God! /
All Thy desire is satisfied, / the work of redemption is
fulfilled: / "Children" He now brings to Thy heart / as the
fruit of His sufferings.
4. O with what a pleasure / Thou lookest now upon Thy Son! /
He, the most wonderful of all, / is seated on Thy throne
with Thee, / He starts in us now the song of praise / which
will never ever end: / Father, accept in Jesus' name, /
Honour, praise and worship! Amen.

1. Holy harmonies, pure sounds of harps - / shall pass through
the heavens / when soon before the Throne of God / the
multitude of saints shall sing / new songs of praise in the
sanctuary / to the glory of the Lamb.

2. In the midst of the Throne / Thy saints shall see Thee. /
Thy crown of victory will adorn / Thee for eternity. / The
pierced hands will show forth / the sufferings of the
cross: / Love without end has led Thee into death.
3. Lamb of God, we exalt Thee! / Filled with a burning love /
Thou layest down Thy life / and didst shed Thy precious blood, /
that from the tongues of many / the joyful praise be sung unto
God, / soon before His Throne.
4. Holy harmonies -/praise and song of victory / shall pass
through the universe, / when the harps shall sound. / Praise
be to Jesus' name! / Glory and power be brought to God / and
the Lamb for ever and ever.

1. Heaven came down toward the poor: / Emmanuel wanted to draw
near to us. / God became man, O what a mercy! / Thou, His
people, worship Him in adoration!

2. Who can fully comprehend such a love? / Here, amongst sinners,
He appeared, / He, whom the whole universe cannot lay hold of /
wants to be the perfect servant!
3. Deeper than this love has to go, / He has taken our place: /
He hung on the cross in shame and suffering, / and died for
a lost people!
4. What can we bring Thee in return, / God, what frankincense
dost Thou accept? / Oh, let us sing to Thee of Jesus, / He
alone can please Thee!
5. Heaven came down toward the poor: / Emmanuel wanted to draw
near to us. / God became man, O what a mercy, / Thou, His
people, worship Him in adoration!

208 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Perfect eternal rest - / ever to serve, adore Thee! / During
the endless day, / Thee, Lord, Thy saints shall praise; /
rapt, in mute ecstasy, / casting their crowns before Thee, /
prone at Thy feet they fall, anthems of joy to raise.

2. Thee shall we contemplate - / gaze on Thy face adoring, /
Saviour and Bridegroom - Lord, / beauty Supreme above! /
Sounding the soundless depths, / measureless heights ex-
ploring - / heights of Thy peerless grace, / depths of Thy
boundless love!
3. Jesus from Thee alone / borrowing light transcendent - /
Sun, Thou, of Righteousness, / lending Thy lustrous rays - /
radiant, Thy bride shall wear, / through the long age re-
splendent, / glory immaculate - Thine own perfection's
blaze.
4. Us wilt Thou contemplate - / pearl of Thy heart's deep long-
ing, / travail of Thy lone soul, / fruit of Thy wondrous
cross! / Then wilt Thou rest in love! / Thou wilt rejoice
in singing, - / rest in triumphant love, / singing for joy
o'er us.

208 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. Perfect eternal rest awaits us at the throne, / Thy saints
shall serve Thee then with full affection, / and all will
cast their crowns before Thy feet, / and worship Thee, Lord,
in all eternity.

2. Overjoyed will be the Bride to gaze on Thy face adoringly, /
Thou Lord and Bridegroom - and to see Thy supreme beauty. /
How deep and wide before her will be manifested the mystery /
of love and grace, which we then shall completely understand.
3. Thy glory, Thy pure light will embrace Thy Bride, / Lord
Jesus, to Thy honour and Thy glory. / She will fill the
Father's House with Thy magnificence, / being clothed
immaculately with Thine own perfection's blaze.
4. Thou wilt enjoy the fruit of the travail of Thy soul, /
for which Thou didst strive on the cross, surrounded by
deepest darkness; / she will stand before Thee perfect,
mature and holy, / Thy heart full of godly love will then
be eternally satisfied.

1. Lord, Thy Word is omnipotent, / wonderful and manifold; /
apart from it there is no light, / strange doctrine only
destroys. / Thy truth and Thy grace / lead us on the right
pathway. / Genuine faith and true love / are based on:
"It is written."

2. Let us eat Thy words, / not forget Thy doctrines, / faithfully administer Thy truth, / holy hold Thy rights, / firmly build upon Thy promise, / trust in Thy testimonies / and honour Thee through obedience / and not to listen to any other voice.
3. Light and strength and courage and joy, / true comfort in all sufferings, / shield from manifold dangers, / and a daily protection, / these are the fruit of Thy Word. / Everything else will be destroyed / everything else must pass away. / Lord, Thy Word will remain in eternity!

1. Lord, Thy people sing to Thy honour, / for Thou hast given them / the pure doctrine of Thy word! / Men have often tried to darken / this light, that shines brightly / and leads the hearts in a godly way.
2. To Thy people is entrusted, / Lord, Thy Word, on which they build / in the time of pilgrimage. / This word nourishes their faith, / nobody can take away from Thy Word / its quietly hidden strength.

3. Thou hast given power to Thy Word / to build up, to revive, / it performs miracles again and again, / as the water, that purifies us, / as the message, which unifies us, / as promise, true and faithful!
4. Let it in us, who hear it, / increase the fruit by the Spirit, / which is the ornament of the saints. / Let Thy Word always refresh us / and bless every single heart. / Thanks be to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Give grace, Father, that the fullness of miracles / in Thy word may be revealed before our eyes / and we can see the great depth of wisdom; / that, established by the eternal truth, we may walk without wavering / in the clearness of Thy Word / and be revived on the pathway of faithfulness.

2. Enlighten us, that we may recognize the time / to serve Thee diligently here, with burning hearts / and shine there, where night and death abound, / that we may use faithfully the hours which flee quickly / as a guide to them who are still in misery, / and to show them the way to the Father's house.
3. Yes, help us, that we may recognize Thy Son, / and grow towards Him. May nothing hinder us! / The word of Christ shall nourish our hearts, / till He Himself will appear before our eyes, / and our eyes shall see Him with delight, / when we shall be taken home with Him into heaven.

1. Lord, as Saviour of Thy body, / and glorified Head of the Church, / Thou lovingly examinest its condition, / feedest and carest for Thy Bride, / that she may stand before Thee holy, / without blemish and spot / and Thy eyes can see in her / the reflection of Thy beauty.
2. Gifts are given to the body, / for the service according to Thy will, / that we all may grow closer / to Thee, Lord, the Head. / O so hear our request: / Lead us through Thy Holy Spirit. / It is Thyself who art in our midst, / who teachest us through Thy Word.

1. Thou art the God who doest miracles - / O what a wonderful knowledge / on which faith completely rests / in all darkness! / Even if here the last glimpse of hope / would vanish - / He who trusts in Thee, our great Lord, / will never be forsaken of Thee.
2. Thou art the God who doest miracles - / happily we want to make it known, / and in the affliction's glowing heat / neither complain nor be discouraged. / Where the boundary of the impossible / put pressure on one's mind / in these difficulties Thou wilt show / the Almighty power of Thy grace.
3. Thou art the God who doest miracles - / this we want to firmly hold, / this will always give us new courage / to trust in Thy ruling. / Thou remainest the same always, / Thy word is Yea and Amen. / We praise Thee, Father, full of joy, / in Jesus' holy name.

1. Lord, our times are in Thy hand, / nothing can affect us without being sent by Thee. / We do not trust in blind destiny, / no, Thy hand has prepared our way / and every suffering turns out for our good. / Lord, our times are in Thy hand.
2. Whenever fear and sorrow close in on us, / whenever dark shadows fall on our path / and our afflictions are brought to Thee in faith, / Thou manifestest to everyone the wonders of Thy power / at the right time, which is known only to Thee: / because all things are in Thy hand.
3. Even if our own weakness often depresses us, / our heart will be filled with joy by Thy word, / that no power can ever pluck out of Thy hand, / those whom Thou hast freed from the bondage of Satan. / So, we rest joyfully, with our eyes fixed on Thee, / hidden in the shadow of Thy hand.

1. Whatever your Father may send you, / keep still before Him. / Believe that God wants to bless / you without measure. / If He has to say no to your desires, / if He has to purify and smite you, / only in love He chastiseth you, / trust Him more!
2. He who leads and draws you / with cords of love, / do you think He overlooks / you now and then? / No, even on the darkest ways / He is always present with comfort, / greater than your sorrow / is His Father's heart.
3. Don't blame with your complaints / whatever He does, / Think, whatever He gives me to carry / is good for me. / Even if His plan is hidden from you, / today pain, tomorrow the joy, / trust completely in Him alone, / wait for Him!
4. The Lord gives new strength / daily to His own. / He often sends help / long before you think. / Whatever may happen, / be assured, He will provide; / instead of groaning bitterly / bow yourself.

1. Thou, Lord, wilt provide / as Thou hast always done, / when we approach the Throne of Grace / with prayers and supplications. / Why should we worry? / Why do we give up hope, / when every morning / grace is renewed?
2. Thou putttest Thy seal of approval / here under a plan / while there Thou dost set an obstacle / before a wrong path, / today Thou openest doors for us / which we have not even seen; / who will lead us tomorrow? / Thou, Lord, wilt provide!
3. We toil at our tasks / as seeds sown in the field; / that they might flourish with blessings / which are left for Thine ordering / often times we have wondered / whether we have done it right - / but what we have started with Thee, / Thou hast brought to completion.
4. And if it should not always go / as we had it well planned, / Thou, Lord, wilt provide / in a way which we have not foreseen. / Therefore we should not be afraid / whether or not mountains stand before us, / we will gladly look up, / Thou, Lord, wilt provide!

1. Lord Thou hast called us to Thyself, / out of darkness into the light; / as the Saviour of the lost / Thou didst bare the judgment for us. / Once strangers and banished - / without hope in the stream of time - / now as people of the household of God / we praise the mercy of the Lord.
2. Emnity is our portion here on earth / because we are not of this world, / but we rest in Thy peace, / Thou keepest Thy hand over us. / That we may offer up our lives / as a sacrifice daily for Thee, / Thou sanctifiest all Thy own / and purifiest them here through Thy Word.
3. Lord, Thou Thyself wilt come again / to call us out of the valley of tears - / O what blessed perfection - / as Thy Bride to the marriage feast! / Then, with joyful rapture / we shall see Thee, Lord Jesus Christ. / To Thee be praise and glory and honour, / to Thee who art our hope!

1. Lord Jesus, Thou whom our soul loves, / Thy presence sanctifies and makes us free; / Thy word alone gives us comfort and peace; / Thou remainest with us, O Lord of Glory.

2. How quickly the enemy has caused us to fall, / when our heart does not watch and forgets Thee! / Faith finds strength and might in Thee, / Thou remainest with us, O Saviour, Jesus Christ.
3. Thou who sanctifiest and increasest our joy, / in sufferings makest the fearful heart calm, / whether Thou dost smite us, or whether Thou crownest us with goodness, / Thou remainest with us, O Lord, in joy and pain.
4. If Thou shouldst tarry and we go through death, / when our tabernacle here is dissolved / and nobody is able to stand by us any more, / Thou remainest with us and takest us into Thy light.

1. What a privilege, Lord, to stand on Thy side, / in a world, which rejects us with Thee, / and everywhere to walk in Thy footsteps, / which Thou hast left behind for us; / may everyone be able to see Thy character in us / and may we be like Thee, the Man of Sorrows!

2. Lord Jesus teach us suffering, as Thou didst suffer, / not reproaching as also Thou didst not reproach; / and teach us to strive, as Thou didst strive in prayer, / to forgive our enemy, as Thou didst forgive him. / The hope, soon to be with Thee, fills us / with joy and courage, not to shun strife and suffering.

1. "It is finished!" the great and difficult work; / God is just, His honour was restored / by His Son who announced with a loud voice: / "It is finished, it is finished!"
2. "It is finished!" What the love of God desired, / what for the pitiful sinner should become / redemption and eternal salvation / that is finished, that is finished!
3. "It is finished!" sounds throughout eternity, / to the praise of God, to the joy of the redeemed ones; / they are thanking God, they are worshipping Jesus, / because He has finished it, because He has finished it.

4. "It is finished!" Will you not listen and believe? / Do you still want to increase your guilt and judgment? / O flee to Jesus even today! / He has finished it, He has finished it!

1. Where can you find redemption today / for all sinners, great and small? / In Jesus, because He carried the sins, / only He can be the Redeemer. / Who can give true peace and rest to the soul / already in this world? / Only Jesus, who has given Himself as sacrifice / on the cross here on earth.
2. Who can bring you from death into life, / who can make you free from the judgment? / Only Jesus, who has given Himself up / in order to lead you into the light. / If you believe in Him, you will not die, / eternal life is your portion / you will inherit all things with Jesus, / totally unmeasurable in your salvation.

1. Jesus receiveth sinners! / Pass on this word of salvation to all, / who are still on the wrong path / and walk in their own ways. / Everybody listen and believe: / Jesus receiveth sinners!
2. Terrible was the lot of the sinner: /no salvation from the destruction. / God's love, greater than all, / sent His Son to die on the cross. / What Jesus has accomplished there / shows: He receiveth sinners.
3. Here on earth He has the power / to forgive every sin. / Ray of hope in the night of sin! / Word, which can revive the dead! / Whoever will approach Him in faith, / Jesus will surely receive.
4. An innumerable crowd - / all blessed children of God - / will be manifested with Jesus; / although all of them were - sinners. / Every creature will then see: Jesus once received sinners.
5. But the time will come when it will be far too late, / nobody will be received any longer. / Today, whoever will go to Him and repent / will receive grace today. / Consider it seriously today: / Jesus receiveth sinners.

1. A spring of mercy / art Thou, O precious Saviour; / yes,
Thou seekest the poor sinners / and leadest them into Thy
rest.
2. This world has nothing to offer us, / nothing to make your
heart truly happy; / peace and joy and eternal life / we
can only find with Thee.
3. It was love which brought Thee / down from the height of
bliss; / love, which thought even on us / when Thou didst
sink into death and the grave.
4. Open now the hearts of all, / let us understand this love /
and according to Thy good pleasure, / let us exalt Thee
with our praise.

1. Only to Jesus, O soul, make haste, / to Him who died on the
cross for sinners; / choose only Him as the place of rest, /
He who has obtained salvation for the sinner.
2. Every sinner is welcomed, / he who does not build on his
own works, / will be accepted in grace / if he trusts on
the Lord.

3. His love is without measure, / His grace is infinitely rich, / His faithfulness can never waver, / nothing can be compared with His mercy.
4. He gives always new grace / so that the heart rejoices in Him, / He leadeth us on the narrow path / into the eternal glory.

1. A look to the cross done in faith / brings life and eternal happiness; / come, fix at this hour your eyes upon it / and make sure you will never turn back!
2. Why was the pure One made sin? / Was it not in favour of the sinner? / To blot out also your uncountable sins, / Jesus gave His own blood.
3. He did not come down to seek the righteous, / only the sinner does He invite; / and even if your guilt were twice as large, / His blood cleanses you from all.

4. Not tears, not works, nor fasting nor prayers / can take away one single sin; / the death of His Son alone has opened / the way to the heart of the Father.
5. So doubt no longer, sorrowful heart! / Yes, come and take courage now / and rest in the completed work of Jesus, / redeemed by His precious blood.
6. O fix this hour your eyes upon Him / and make sure you will never turn back! / A look to the cross, done in faith, / brings life and eternal happiness!

1. Thou hast a soul, o think of it; / because now is the time to consider! / As long as the sun of grace still shines, / Jesus can give thee forgiveness. / The Saviour still calls thee, / thou still hearest His word, / it leads thee to the light out of the place of darkness.
2. Therefore, seek that which is above, O think of it! / The joys of this world will pass away; / Whoever trusts in earthly things is a miserable man, / since no earthly things will remain. / What is now still thine own, death will take away from thee. / What then? Destruction and eternal peril.

3. Still there is a "today"; O think of it, / to direct thy way towards Jesus! / However, when thy life has passed in sin, / God has no second one to give thee. / Then nothing but Hell, O place of torment, / then lost for eternity, O terrible word!
4. Thou hast a soul, O think of it; / because now is the time to consider! / As long as the sun of grace still shines / Jesus will give thee forgiveness. / Blessed is he who has considered salvation in time, / thou too, consider it, O think of it!

1. How good is the Lord, / who loves like Him; - / who has such mercy for sinners!
2. How He was moved / and filled with compassion, / when He saw the manifold sufferings!
3. He walked through the land / with a hand of blessing, / helped all who required any help.
4. But His love, / which alone moved Him, shine forth / in its most wonderful brightness on the cross.

5. He blotted out our sins, / full of love and grace, / has
born there the judgment for sinners.
6. He went into death, / glorified God / acquired for us recon-
ciliation and life.
7. His work is finished, / defeated is the power / which kept us
captive in death.
8. Now He invites us, / both great and small, / to receive
redemption and salvation.

1. How kindly Jesus invites: / "O come to me! / With me thou
will be truly happy, / my yoke is not at all heavy."
2. The call still goes forth: O come / today to thy Redeemer; /
now is still the day of grace, / the acceptable time!
3. Because soon Jesus the Son of God will come, / the Head of
all creation; / then everyone who believed in Him here /
will stand transformed before His throne.

1. Make haste, hurry get saved / before eternal chains will bind thee / and the day of grace is passed; / before the vials of wrath will flow / and the judgments come over this earth / and thou criest: It is too late!
2. Don't say: I shall come tomorrow! / Make sure, that thou art in safety today / for the long eternity! / Many want to build on tomorrow / but were cut off today; / because the axe always lies ready.
3. Today Jesus stands with open arms / before thee, full of mercy, / therefore don't hesitate any longer! / Today thou canst come to Him, / today thou wilt still be accepted, / today the light of grace still shines.

1. O serious, holy, blessed hour / when God speaketh to man, / maketh known to him the grace and truth; / because God is love and light.

2. The light makes manifest all things, / reveals all deceit; /
it manifests what everybody is and was / in his pathway here
on earth.
3. If thou humblest thyself and repentest, / Jesus will also
speak to you: / Look to the cross, I died for thee, / only
believe and follow Me!

1. Jesus is thy friend, O sinner, / accepts thee, full of love, /
if thou comest like the children, / believing that He can save.
2. Yes, for the lost sheep / the Saviour went into judgment, /
took upon Himself the whole punishment - / for the righteous
He did not come.
3. If thou comest in true repentance / you will receive eternal
salvation. / Every day afresh love, grace and power / will
bestowed on thee.

1. Rich King, O Thou God of all grace! / According to love's free choice / Thou hast invited all sinners / to the marriage feast of Thy Son. / Everywhere, even in the streets / Thou hast proclaimed the good news / that all are welcome to come, / till Thy house is completely full.
2. Yes, for those who are unworthy, miserable and poor, / Thy house still stands wide open; / towards all goes Thy mercy, / Thou are ready to receive. / He who turns to Thee is welcomed, / anybody is still accepted by Thyself. / O how infinitely Thou lovest / and givest richly to him who comes.
3. But the adornment for the feast of Thy Son / we can only receive from Thee. / Guests cannot draw near to Thy glory / in their own garments. / May many still hear Thy call, / and turn away from the world and its trifles / to Thee, who doest so great things / and givest such wonderful joy.

1. God is the light. He who does not know God / is still under the power of death. / He who is separated from the light is still in darkness, / he walks in the night. / Oh! not knowing the way / is the greatest affliction, / hiding from the light / will lead to eternal death.

2. God is the light. He who is enlightened by this light / knows the way and track, / in its brightness he walks through the world / and does not stumble. / O blessed is he who has escaped / the kingdom of darkness! / He who has received the light of life / is sure of his destination.
3. God is the light. How clear is the light, / so lovely, beautiful and pure! / In a wonderful way He himself has manifested / His light in its brightest rays. / Only in the light is life, / is joy and salvation; / the light is still being given, / the day of grace is still with us.

1. Can the leaf that withers / escape the power of the storm? / Can the cloud demand / of the winds: "Stop"? / Carried away with might / they rush towards their end. / Like the leaf and like the cloud / thou art also carried along, even thou!
2. Thou art in the wide river / which flows irresistibly, / dragging along with it every man, / gushes forth into the pit. / Because, born here as a sinner, / thou livest under the power of sin / and at the end, standest before the Judge - / then the judgment and - the night.

3. Flee unto the sure rock, / to the Saviour Jesus Christ /
 who, in order to save sinners / died on the cross. / Every
 one who is hidden in Thee / becomes free from guilt and
 sin, / then shall walk towards the glory, / He goes with
 him and He is faithful.

1. God is light; He seeth clearly / into the depth of man's
 soul; / everything is apparent before Him / who can hide
 anything from Him? / Even the thoughts from afar off /
 are laid bare before the Lord.
2. Everything is open to Him, / He searches hearts and loins. /
 Nobody, whom sin has defiled / can in any way stand before
 Him. / With the most beautiful appearance / nobody can win
 Him for himself.
3. Terrible deceit and illusion / to think, it will be good
 enough / what thou art and what thou hast done / to appear
 before the Judge's eyes of flame. / All that is thine own
 will disappear into nothing / in the brightness of this
 light.

4. But God allows the proclamation even today / of the Good News with a loud voice: / Mankind, O believe / Jesus died for thy sins! / Then thou wilt not come into judgment, / but art made righteous in God's light.

1. Soul, if thou wouldst find rest / do not look for it in this world. / What it offers will soon disappear, / its joy vanishes into nothing. / Jesus alone gives true rest / therefore hasten, go to Him.
2. He gave up His precious life, / on the cross His blood was shed, / He has given Himself for sinners, / carried for them the wrath of God. / Jesus alone gives true rest / therefore hasten, go to Him.
3. Our own works only make weary, / the conscience remains heavy. / Behold, He obtained the peace, / it is He who desires thy salvation. / Jesus alone gives true rest / therefore hasten, go to Him.

1. Jesus came to redeem thee, / He destroyed the power of the wicked one. / Sinner, thou must repent / and now accept the grace / in order to be cleansed. / Jesus blood flowed on the cross!
2. Nobody can acquire it by himself, / Jesus alone is able to fulfil it. / He takes away thy bondage / and gives to thee in return new life, / daily strength and peace. / The Son of God makes completely free!
3. To all men salvation appeared, / nobody need serve sin, / nobody need be lost! / Tell it to everybody here on earth: / whosoever will can be saved. / Praise the saving power of Jesus!

238 poetical version (literal translation see below)

1. Have you any room for Jesus, / He who bore your load of sin; / as He knocks and asks admission, / sinner, will you let Him in? / Room for Jesus, King of glory! / Hasten now, His word obey! / Swing the heart's door widely open! / Bid Him enter while you may!

2. Room for pleasure, room for bus'ness; / but for Christ the crucified - / not a place that He can enter, / in the heart for which He died! / Room for Jesus, King of glory! / Hasten now, His word obey! / Swing the heart's door widely open! / Bid Him enter while you may!
3. Have you any time for Jesus, / as in grace He calls again? / Oh, "to-day" is "time accepted," / tomorrow you may call in vain. / Room for Jesus, King of glory! / Hasten now, His word obey! / Swing the heart's door widely open! / Bid Him enter while you may!
4. Room and time now give to Jesus: / Soon will pass God's day of grace; / soon thy heart be cold and silent, / and thy Saviour's pleadings cease. / Room for Jesus, King of glory! / Hasten now, His word obey! / Swing the heart's door widely open! / Bid Him enter while you may!

238 literal translation (poetical version see before)

1. Have you any room for Jesus, / He who bore your load of sin? /
Waiting He stands at the door! / Don't you feel the Spirits
power? / Sinner, have you any room for Jesus, / for the Lord
of glory? / Open wide the door of your heart / before the
time of grace has passed!
2. Room and time for the joys of this world, / but for the man
of sorrows / you have no room in your heart / for Him who
has done so much for you? / Sinner, have you any room for
Jesus / for the Lord of glory? / Open wide the door of your
heart / before the time of grace has passed!
3. Have you any room for Jesus? / Behold how long He already
is there! / Today He still gives you grace, / tomorrow it
may be too late. / Sinner, have you any room for Jesus /
for the Lord of glory? / Open wide the door of your heart /
before the time of grace has passed!
4. Time and room finally give to Jesus! / Today is still the
time of grace. / Short only is thy life span, / without end
will be eternity. / Sinner, have you any room for Jesus /
for the Lord of glory? / Open wide the door of your heart /
before the time of grace has passed!

1. From the cross of calvary light shines / into the night of Thy sins. / Harken, how thy Saviour speaks with comfort / to thee: "It is finished!" / O sinner, thou must repent / before the holiness of God / and totally rest in Jesus' work / for thy salvation.
2. Give up thy useless struggle! / It achieves nothing; / only deeper down goes thy way, / down into night and dread. / Thou wilt never break the chains of sin / in thy own strength and power; / what wilt thou do? O come and see, / and believe: "It is finished!"
3. "It is finished!" Not only a part, / no, all is finished! / Nothing more is missing for thy salvation, / passed is the night. / Open thy whole heart to Jesus, / thou, who hast woken up from the sleep, / accept it thankfully, look towards heaven / and say: "He has finished it!"

1. Come to the cross with thy burdens, / weary wanderer, thou! / At the cross thou canst take rest, / there is rest!
2. Under the wrath of judgment, / see there on the cross / He who suffers for thee, who bleeds for thee, / He, the Lamb of God!

3. On the cross the pure One carried / upon Himself the wages
of thy sin; / see, how this One loves thee, / He, the Son
of God!
4. He alone satisfies thy desire, / heals thy pain; / there
thou wilt receive peace, / thou weary heart!
5. Comfort, pardon, eternal life / flows down from the cross
to thee; / Jesus Christ wants to give thee / heaven's rest!

1. Only Jesus is the rock foundation / on which one can build. /
This foundation is laid, He now manifests God /: for the
salvation of every man. :/
2. There is in no one else salvation, / no other name is given, /
by which you can be saved, /: but only in Jesus Christ. :/
3. Whoever does not build on this foundation / will stand on
no firm ground, / no riches, power and possession will pro-
tect him, /: however great they may be. :/

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4. So look for Jesus and His light, / before thy time is passed, /
because nothing else will help thee, /: and soon it is too
late! :/

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1. O Saviour God, what blessed joy / that Thou lovest the sin-
ner, / and if he returns to Thee, /:Thou givest him salva-
tion and pardon! :/
2. The Son, who knew no sin, / Thou hast made sin / and then
Thou didst forsake Him /: in His agony and darkness of the
cross. :/
3. He suffered for what we have done / in our lust, hatred and
strife, / so that in Him we all can become /: the righteous-
ness of God. :/
4. Since then Thou, O Saviour God, / stretchest out Thy arm
of salvation, / leadest him who believes, our of the misery
of sin, /: as a child into the Father's house. :/

1. The earth ripens for judgment, / the harvest is at hand; /
open your eyes, O don't deceive yourself, / soon the end
will be here. / The leaf turns yellow, the ear of corn is
white, / the air is muggy, the day is hot, / the harvest
is at hand.
2. There is a malicious breeze and wind / over all nations of
the world, / because our days are evil / like the days of
Noah: / Love recedes, violence reigns / the hearts of men
turn cold, / the harvest is at hand!
3. Soon God will send His reapers / to pull out the weeds, /
they will be cast into a fire / which never will die out. /
Friend, do you belong to His fruit / which God seeketh for
His barn? / The harvest is at hand!
4. Flee, whoever can still flee, / escape the judgment; /
attach yourself to the Son of God, / O come and don't
hesitate. / O come to Jesus, come today, / to Him who still
offers pardon to everyone. / The harvest is at hand!

1. Unknown, but yet well known / are the people of the Lord on earth, / and its high and holy position / will never be appreciated here; / because the world has no interest / for the sincere, eternal things, / seeks only earthly profits / that it might achieve something here; / God's people are unknown in this world.
2. Unknown, but yet well known! / One knows the faithful flock; / because they are named after Him, / have experienced His grace. / Christ, our Lord and Head, / He the great and faithful Shepherd, / makes those who believe in Him / partakers of His dignity, / and they are well known in the heaven's land.
3. Unknown and yet well known! / Soon will openly appear. / He, who once was not recognized by the world, / our Lord, with all His own. / Wonderful glory! / Because we shall be like Christ, / reigning with Him then at His side, / over all kingdoms; / then our holy position will be well known.

1. The assembly is based / on Thyself, Lord Jesus Christ, / because Thou art the foundation and the corner stone, / of the dwelling place of God. / Those whom Thy Father has given Thee / out of the world for Thy possession, / Thou leadest them in spite of the raging of the enemy, / home in victory for Thy name's sake.
2. Thou, the Christ of God Himself, / buildest now His spiritual house, / buildest with living stones, / carriest out the Father's will, / that the temple of God may grow / firmly fitted according to His plan, / where now, according to His good pleasure, / the most High can dwell.
3. The assembly is chosen by grace / from among all nations / and united to one people, / as a testimony to the world. / It has a royal position, / is a holy priesthood, / to proclaim His virtues, / to exalt His fame.