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2. But ah! thou canst not go to him, for see, a mighty wall of separation stands built up by sin between thy God and thee; behold, thy Saviour stretches out his hands, and opens to thee through his precious blood a way of peace and access to thy God: he, who broke down that wall and sets thee free, hath borne thy guilt and thy iniquity.

3. Lo, thy Creator gave thee life at first,

his Spirit giveth sight unto the blind,

thy Saviour doth a second life bestow;

he gives thee water to assuage thy thirst,

a guide to lead thee through this vale of woe;

peace to the heart and clearness to the mind,

new strength and motives virtue to pursue,

the love of God, and heaven itself in view.

such seeking only aggravates thy case, and is embittered with a thousand woes; such seeking wearies, but can not impart the peace it longs for to the aching heart; sleep may weigh down the eyes by care oppressed, but heavy slumber is not peaceful rest.

5. Then seek not here in vain a resting place,

nor in thyself expect to find repose;

- 6. Cradle an infant on the softest bed, soothe it with songs of lullaby to rest, more gently will it lay its little head, more sweetly slumber on its mother's breast; where the first draught of health and life it found, there will its sleep be sweet, its slumber sound; return, my soul, to God, thine only rest, then and then only art thou truly blessed.
- 4. Behold thee now returned to thy true rest!
 Through the thin veil of time thy joyful eyes discern the happy mansions of the blessed, and heaven's bright walls in dim perspective rise. In fear no longer of a Father's rod, thou feel'st that thou art reconciled to God, and, though thy troubles do not wholly cease, hast a sweet foretaste of thy future bliss.

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