





- 2. Long ere yet I had a being, he, to whom all things are known, knew what I should be, and seeing I should perish, left alone, then my soul with mercy viewed; this declares "the Lord is good".
- 3. While I lived in mad defiance of his pow'r who gave me breath, though my soul had made alliance, and was leagued with hell and death, yet his gracious purpose stood; this declares "the Lord is good".

- 4. Since, thro' grace, I've learned to know him, what forbearance has he shown!
  I have been unfaithful to him, yet his mercy is not gone; what he bore, no other would; 'tis a truth, "the Lord is good".
- 5 Of this truth I'm oft forgetful, and repine against his will; yes, my heart is most deceitful, yet he spares and pardons still; and in yonder blessed abode, I shall sing "the Lord is good".

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