## THE LORD KNOWETH HIS OWN



2. He knows them by their faith, which, though it sees not, still believes in all he saith, who is invisible; which, by the word begotten, doth by the word increase, before the word bows humbly, and in the word finds peace.

3. He knows them by their hope, which soars on eagle-wing, and looks rejoicing up to him, their Lord and King; which basketh in the sunshine of his eternal truth, the wondrous plant which bloometh in green perpetual youth.

4. He knows them by their love, reflected from his own, which cometh from above, and by its fruit is known; which pardons faults in others, as he hath pardoned theirs, which blesses those he blesses, and bears with those he bears.

5. The Lord doth know his own in every land and clime, both great and small are known to him in every time; he knows them by their graces, their faith, and hope, and love, the work of his own Spirit sent to them from above.

6. O Lord, give us this faith and steadfast trust in thee; let hope be bright in death, our love more fervent be; and, at thy last appearing, let us at thy right hand, arrayed in crowns of glory and robes of pure white stand.

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