



- 2. As though to part for ever, we press each other's hands, and yet no power can sever our love's eternal bands; we look quite broken-hearted, and sob our last farewell, and yet can not be parted, for both in Jesus dwell.
- 3. We say, "I here, you yonder, you go, and I remain," and yet are not asunder, but links of one great chain; in tones of deep affection "Our road parts here," we say, yet go in one direction, and in the self-same way.
- 4. Then let us cease from weeping, and moderate our woe, we both are in Christ's keeping, with whom we always go; both under his protection, both led by his dear hand, both in the same direction, to the same Fatherland.
- 5. In fruitless lamentation let us not waste the hours, but find our consolation in knowing Christ is ours; if faith in him unite us, though parting gives us pain, it cannot disunite us, for both in him remain.

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