



- 2. Zion's gates Jehovah loveth, and with especial grace approveth; he maketh fast her bolts and bars; those who dwell in her he blesses, and comforts them in their distresses, who cast on him their griefs and cares. How wonderful the grace, with which he doth embrace all his people! City of God, how sweet th' abode on which such blessings are bestowed!
- 3. Taught in thee is a salvation unknown to every other nation; there great and holy things are heard. In the midst of thee abiding, enlightening, comforting, and guiding, thou hast the Spirit and the Word; there breathing peace around is heard the joyful sound, grace and mercy! How sweet that is, which here speaks peace, there crowns with everlasting bliss!
- 4. Nations that have never known thee, from the world's end shall come to own thee, and eagerly to Zion run; e'en to those in darkness sitting the Lord shall show, when he sees fitting, what once for all the world was done. Where is the Son of God? Where is his blessed abode? All enquiring, till far and wide, on every side, the Lord is praised and magnified.

- 5. Dry your tears, ye hearts nigh broken, of Zion shall it yet be spoken: "How do her citizens increase!" Men shall see with fear and wonder, how God builds Zion up, and ponder his love and truth who hath wrought this. Lift up your heads! at last the night of death has past from the heathen; the day shall break, when they awake, and Israel their joy partake.
- 6. Mother thou of every nation, which here has sought and found salvation, O Zion, yet on earth shalt be. Hark, what shouts the air are rending! What cries to heaven's gates ascending! All our fresh springs shall be in thee. from thee the waters burst, to slake our burning thirst. Hallelujah! From sin and death God's own Word saith that he alone delivereth.