



- 2. May I too strive to learn, by ceaseless observation, how best I may perform the service of my station: wherever duty leads may I delight to go, on all I undertake thy blessing, Lord, bestow.
- 3. Keep me from saying what may after need recalling; guard me, lest idle words may from my lips be falling; but when my duty leaves for silence no pretence,O make me wise to speak the truth without offence.
- 4. When danger shall arise,
 I would not too much fear it;
 my cross, whate'er it be,
 O give me strength to bear it.
 May I the rage of foes
 by gentleness subdue;
 and, when I counsel need,
 may I the best pursue.
- 5. With all around, may I
 to peace and love incline me, –
 as by the Saviour taught.
 And if thy hand assign me
 increase of earthly store, –
 to all I thus obtain,
 may there be nothing joined
 of an unrighteous gain.

- 6. And if old age I reach, ere life on earth is ended, and must its trials meet with all its weakness blended, against the sins of age awake my jealous care, that I gray hairs may thus a crown of glory wear.
- 7. And let me die at last my Christian faith professing; take then my soul to thee, to share eternal blessing: and to my body give among the dead a place, that, as their ashes sleep, mine too may sleep in peace.
- 8. And when thy saints shall rise, then, Jesus, I implore thee, complete in righteousness, may I appear before thee; and hear my Saviour say, in voice of tender love, "Come, ye redeemed, and share my perfect joys above!"

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