AGAINST THEE ONLY HAVE I SINNED, I OWN IT



- 2. My secret prayers and sighs thou hearest plainly, my tears are ever known to thee; ah God, my God, and shall I seek thee vainly? how long wilt thou be far from me?
- 3. Lord, not according to my guilt requite me, but deal with me in tender grace; thy patience and long-suffering still invite me, I come: ah hide thou not thy face!
- 4. Make me to sing once more of joy and gladness, Father of mercies, hear my voice! For thy name's sake, oh raise me from this sadness, thou, God, dost love that we rejoice.
- 5. Teach me thy law, with spirit glad and fervent let me go forth upon my way; thou art my God, I am thy willing servant to do thy pleasure day by day.
- 6. Oh haste thou, my Defence, be now beside me! Behold, the Lord hath heard my prayer!
 Now on a plainer path his hand shall guide me, my soul is safe beneath his care.

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