LONGING TO BE WITH CHRIST



- 2. My Saviour, whom absent I love, whom, not having seen, I adore; whose name is exalted above all glory, dominion, and power;
- 3. dissolve thou these bonds, that detain my soul from her portion in thee; ah! strike off this adamant chain, and make me eternally free.
- 4. When that happy era begins, when arrayed in thy glories I shine, nor grieve any more, by my sins, the bosom on which I recline:
- 5. oh, then shall the veil be removed, and round me thy brightness be poured; I shall meet him whom absent I loved, I shall see whom unseen I adored.
- 6. And then, never more shall the fears, the trials, temptations, and woes, which darken this valley of tears, intrude on my blissful repose.
- 7. Or, if yet remembered above, remembrance no sadness shall raise; they will be but new signs of thy love, new themes for thy wonder and praise.
- 8. Thus the strokes which from sin and from pain shall set me eternally free, will but strengthen and rivet the chain which binds me, my Saviour, to thee.

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