AN ABSENT LORD I SERVE AND LOVE



- 2. How blessed are they who see his face, and gaze upon his glory near!Their nature pure, and heaven their place; they feel no want, they know no fear.
- 3. A day, I hope, will come, when I, ev'n I, though now so base and vile, shall see the Saviour's glory nigh, and prove that heaven is in his smile:
- 4. till then I would his image trace, and copy what I deem so fair; in heaven I hope to see his face; his people will be like him there.
- 5. But still a doubt will oft arise, an anxious doubt, if one like me shall ever gain so rich a prize, or ever with the Saviour be.
- 6. O thou, whose favour I prefer to life itself, thy Spirit send: be mine the promised Comforter, be mine his presence to the end.
- 7. An earnest to my soul be given of joys unspeakable above; an earnest of the joys of heaven the joys of everlasting love.

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