WORDS OF CHEER



2. Still believe – though dearest light vanish from the earthly sky, faded all thy visions bright, all thy hopes in ruin lie, – still believe; – eternal day soon shall gild the thorny way.

- 3. Weep no more: look up and see saints on Canaan's happy ground; sinners, mourners once, like thee, yet the narrow path they found, leading through the desert sand to their heavenly Fatherland.
- 4. Love Divine it was, whose might drew them from a world of snares, called them out of sin's dark night, made them sons of God, and heirs; gave the Spirit in their breast, pledge of everlasting rest.
- 5. And when faith and hope are low, think not Love has then forgot; never let the promise go, he who gave it changeth not.
 Think, whate'er thy sorrows be, "Jesus lives, and loveth me!"
- 6. None who trust in him are lost; he will surely write each name in the number of the host who through tribulation came, and with them we soon shall share all the Shepherd's tender care.
- 7. Then shall dear ones, gone before, greet our longing eyes again; sin and error vex no more, where, made pure from earthly stain, truth revealed to every eye, all is love and all is joy.
- 8. Great Redeemer, we are thine!
 This our glory is and song.
 Guided by thy hand divine
 all the darkest path along,
 each shall come, all dangers past,
 to thy marriage-feast at last!

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