THE TREE OF LIFE



- 2. In eternal counsels founded, perfect now in fruit divine; when the last blessed trump has sounded, fruit of God for ever mine!
- 3. Fresh and ever new are hanging fruits of life on that blessed Tree; there is stilled each earnest longing, satisfied my soul shall be.
- 4. Safety, where no foe approaches; rest, where toil shall be no more; joy, whereon no grief encroaches; peace, where strife shall all be o'er –
- 5. various fruits of richest flavour offers still the Tree divine; one itself, the same for ever, all its various fruits are mine.
- 6. Where deceiver ne'er can enter, sin-soiled feet have never trod, free, our peaceful feet may venture in the paradise of God;
- 7. drink of life's perennial river, feed on life's perennial food, Christ, the fruit of life, and Giver safe through his redeeming blood.
- 8. Object of eternal pleasure, perfect in thy work divine!
 Lord of glory! Without measure, worship, joy, and praise are thine!
- 9. But, my soul, hast thou not tasted of that Tree of life on high?As through desert lands thou'st hasted, Eshcol's grapes been never nigh?

- 10. Ah! that Tree of life was planted, rooted deep in love divine, ere the sons of God had chanted worlds where creature glories shine.
- 11. Love divine without a measure Godhead glory must reveal; in the Object of its pleasure all its ways of grace must seal.
- 12. As a tender sucker, rising from a dry and stony land, object of man's proud despising, grew the Plant of God's right hand.
- 13. Grace and truth, in love unceasing, rivers on the thirsty ground every step to God well pleasing spread their heavenly savour round.
- 14. He the Father's Self revealing heavenly words none else could tell, words of grace, each sorrow healing, on the ear of sorrow fell.
- 15. Yes! that Tree of life is planted; sweetest fruit e'en here has borne; to its own rich soil transplanted, waits alone the eternal morn –
- 16. fruits that our own souls have tasted by the Spirit from above, while through desert lands we've hasted, fruits of perfect, endless love!

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