THE GREAT HIGH PRIEST



- 2. Yet not only in remembrance do we watch that stream of love still a mighty torrent flowing from the throne of God above.
 Still a treasure all uncounted still a story half untold unexhausted and unfathomed, fresh as in the days of old.
- 3. Christ at God's right hand unwearied by our tale of shame and sin, day by day, and hour by hour, welcoming each wanderer in; on his heart amidst the glory, bearing all our grief and care; every burden, ere we feel it, weighed and measured in his prayer.
- 4. Fragrant thus with priestly incense each distress, each sorrow tells thoughts that fill the heart of Jesus in the glory where he dwells.
 All his love, his joy, his glory, by his Spirit here made known, whilst that Spirit speaks the sorrows of his saints before the throne.
- 5. He, of old the Man of Sorrows, pleads before the Father's face, knowing all the needed solace, claiming all the needed grace.
 We, so faithless and so weary, serving with impatient will he unwearied in our service, gladly ministering still.

- 6. Girded with the golden girdle, shining as the mighty sun, still his piercèd hands will finish all his work of love begun.On the night of his betrayal, in the glory of the throne, still with faithful patience washing all defilement from his own.
- 7. When the Father's house resoundeth with the music and the song; when the bride in glorious raiment sees the One who loved so long; then for new and blessed service girt afresh will he appear, stand and serve before his angels those who waited for him here.
- 8. He who led them through the desert, watched and guided day by day, turned the flinty rocks to water, made them brooks beside the way he will bring them where the fountains fresh and full spring forth above, still throughout the endless ages serving in the joy of love.

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