THE DIVINE LOVE



- 2. That cup of thy love and gladness has cheered us along the road, through ages of sin and of sadness partaking the joys of God through thy Spirit sent down from heaven thy Christ to our hearts is dear; the Spirit who tells of his sweetness is with us here.
- 3. Thus false though our hearts and faithless, we love him with love divine with a love that is true and scatheless, for it is not ours, but thine.
 Thy love from our hearts outflowing, its source in the Heavens above, that love of thine own bestowing eternal love.
- 4. O God, with thy love we love him, and thus are our praises sweet, a fragrance that fills the heavens, as we fall before his feet.
 Our God, of thine own we give thee, and thine is the golden store what are we that we thus can offer, can thus adore!
- 5. Our heart and our flesh my fail us, and the mists of sin may rise; they may hide the land of the glory from our faithless wandering eyes; but the Spirit within us fails not for ever to tell of him; and his Face is seen in its beauty when all is dim.

- 6. In the dungeons and in the deserts
 have thy saints by the world despised,
 with joy untold and unmeasured,
 lookèd on the Face of Christ.In the torture or in the fire,
 'midst the scorn and the hate of men,
 they have seen but the light of his presence
 around them then.
- 7. O Lord, we adore and we bless thee, that we in thy hands of might are the chords whereupon thou makest the music of thy delight; whereon thou wilt sound for ever in wondrous and glorious tone, the name of thy Son belovèd his name alone.
- 8. What recks it that cold and worthless and wayworn my heart may be, if the love that came down from heaven flows back to the Lord from me?
 A glorious tide of worship, unsilenced by sin and by death, sweet melody made in the cornet, by God's own breath.

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