

# Hymn Lyrics

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## Calm me, my God, and keep me calm

Calm me, my God, and keep me calm  
while these hot breezes blow;  
be like the night dew's cooling balm  
upon earth's fevered brow.

Calm me, my God, and keep me calm,  
soft resting on thy breast;  
soothe me with holy hymn and psalm  
and bid my spirit rest.

Yes, keep me calm, though loud and rude  
the sounds my ear that greet,  
calm in the closet's solitude,  
calm in the bustling street;

Calm in the hour of buoyant health,  
calm in my hour of pain;  
calm in my poverty or wealth,  
calm in my loss or gain;

Calm in the suffering of wrong  
like him who bore my shame;  
calm 'mid the threatening, taunting throng  
who hate thy holy name;

Calm as the ray of sun or star  
which storms assail in vain,  
moving unruffled through earth's war  
the eternal calm to gain.

(1808-1889)