

# Hymn Lyrics

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## How blessed, from the bonds of sin

How blessèd, from  
the bonds of sin  
And earthly fetters free,  
In singleness of heart and aim,  
Thy servant, Lord, to be;  
The hardest toil to undertake  
With joy at Thy command,  
The meanest office to receive  
With meekness at Thy hand.

With willing heart  
and longing eyes  
To watch before Thy gate,  
Ready to run the weary race,  
To bear the heavy weight;  
No voice of thunder to expect,  
But follow calm and still;  
For love can easily divine  
The One Belovèd's will.

Thus may I serve Thee,  
gracious Lord;  
Thus ever Thine alone,  
My soul and body given to Thee,  
The purchase Thou hast won;  
Through evil or through good report  
Still keeping by Thy side;  
And by my life or by my death  
Let Christ be magnified.

How happily the working days  
In this dear service fly,  
How rapidly the closing hour,  
The time of rest, draws nigh,  
When all the faithful gather home,  
A joyful company;  
And ever where the Master is  
Shall His blest servants be.