

Hymn Lyrics

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Lord of life, all praise excelling

1. Lord of life, all praise excelling,
Thou, in glory unconfined,
Deignst to make Thy humble dwelling
With the poor of humble mind.

2. And Thy love, through all creation,
Beams like Thy diffusive light;
So the high and humble station
Both are equal in Thy sight.

3. Thus Thy care, for all providing,
Warmed Thy faithful prophet's tongue;
Who, the lot of all deciding,
To Thy chosen Israel sung.

4. When Thy harvest yields Thee pleasure,
Thou the golden sheaf shall bind;
To the poor belongs the treasure
Of the scattered ears behind.

Chorus.

*These thy God ordains to bless
The widow and the fatherless.*

5. When thine olive plants increasing,
Pour their plenty o'er thy plain,
Grateful, thou shalt take the blessing
But not search the bough again.

Chorus.

*These thy God ordains to bless
The widow and the fatherless.*

6. When thy favoured vintage flowing,
Gladdens thine autumnal scene,
Own the bounteous hand bestowing.
But thy vines the poor shall glean.

Chorus.

*These thy God ordains to bless
The widow and the fatherless.*

7. Still we read thy word declaring
Mercy, Lord, thine own decree;
Mercy, ev'ry sorrow sharing.
Warms the heart resembling thee.

8. Still the orphan and the stranger,
Still the widow owns thy care,
Screened by thee in every danger.
Heard by thee in every prayer.

Hallelujah. Amen.

Refrain