

Hymn Lyrics

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Lord of life and King of glory

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who didst deign a child to be,
cradled on a mother's bosom,
throned upon a mother's knee:
for the children thou hast given
we must answer unto thee.

Since the day the blessèd Mother
thee, the world's Redeemer, bore,
thou hast crowned us with an honor
women never knew before;
and that we may bear it meetly
we must seek thine aid the more.

Grant us, then, pure hearts and patient,
that in all we do or say
little souls our deeds may copy,
and be never led astray;
little feet our steps may follow
in a safe and narrow way.

When our growing sons and daughter
look on life with eager eyes,
grant us then a deeper insight
and new powers of sacrifice:
hope to trust them, faith to guide them,
love that nothing good denies.

May we keep our holy calling
stainless in its fair renown,
that when all the work is over
and we lay the burden down,
then the children thou hast given
still may be our joy and crown.