

# Hymn Lyrics

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## Souls of men! why will ye scatter

Souls of men, why will ye scatter  
like a crowd of frightened sheep?  
Foolish hearts, why will ye wander  
from a love so true and deep?  
Was there ever kindest shepherd  
half so gentle, half so sweet,  
as the Savior who would have us  
come and gather round his feet?

There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice,  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment given.

There is welcome for the sinner,  
and more graces for the good;  
there is mercy with the Savior;  
there is healing in his blood.  
There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of man's mind.  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify its strictness  
with a zeal he will not own.

Pining souls, come nearer Jesus,  
and O come not doubting thus,  
but with faith that trusts more bravely  
his great tenderness for us.  
If our love were but more simple,  
we should take him at his word:  
and our lives would be all sunshine

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