

# Hymn Lyrics

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## Thou knowest, Lord, the weariness and sorrow

1. Thou knowest, Lord,  
the weariness and sorrow  
Of the sad heart that  
comes to thee for rest;  
Cares of to-day,  
and burdens for to-morrow,  
Blessings implored,  
and sins to be confessed;  
We come before thee  
at thy gracious word,  
And lay them at thy feet:  
Thou knowest, Lord.

2. Thou knowest all the past;  
how long and blindly  
On the dark mountains  
the lost wanderer strayed  
How the good Shepherd followed,  
and how kindly  
He bore it home,  
upon his shoulders laid;  
And healed the bleeding wounds,  
and soothed the pain,  
And brought back life,  
and hope, and strength again.

3. Thou knowest all the present,  
each temptation,  
Each toilsome duty,  
each foreboding fear;  
All to each one  
assigned of tribulation,  
Or to beloved ones  
than self more dear;  
All pensive memories,  
as we journey on,  
Longings for vanished smiles,  
and voices gone.

4. Thou knowest all the future;  
gleams of gladness  
By stormy clouds  
too quickly overcast;  
Hours of sweet fellowship  
and parting sadness,  
And the dark river to  
be crossed at last.  
O what could hope  
and confidence afford  
To tread that path, but this,  
Thou knowest, Lord?

5. Thou knowest, not alone  
as God, all knowing;  
As man, our mortal weakness  
thou hast proved;  
On earth with purest sympathies

o'erflowing,  
O Saviour, thou hast wept,  
and thou hast loved;  
And love and sorrow  
still to thee may come,  
And find a hiding-place,  
a rest, a home.

6. Therefore we come,  
thy gentle call obeying,  
And lay our sins  
and sorrows at thy feet;  
On everlasting strength  
our weakness staying,  
Clothed in thy robe  
of righteousness complete;  
Then rising and refreshed  
we leave thy throne  
And follow on to know  
as we are known.

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