

Eternal Spirit, We Confess

Isaac Watts, 1707-9.

George Burder, 1774.

Eternal Spirit! we confess
And sing the wonders of Thy grace
Thy power conveys our blessings down
From God the Father and the Son.

Enlightened by Thine heav'nly ray,
Our shades and darkness turn to day;
Thine inward teachings make us know
Our danger and our refuge too.

Thy power and glory work within,
And break the chains of reigning sin;
Do our imperious lusts subdue,
And form our wretched hearts anew.

The troubled conscience knows Thy voice,
Thy cheering words awake our joys;
Thy words allay the stormy wind,
And calm the surges of the mind.