

Freedom in Christ
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A long time I struggled with conflicts within,
I longed to be free from the burden of sin,
My heart was so wayward tho' oft I had tried
To yield up my will to the dear Crucified.

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I longed to be free, oh, I longed to be free!
From bondage and sin, how I longed to be free!

I heard the glad story of pardon so free,
And mercy abundant for sinners like me;
But pride was my master, I stilled my heart's moan,
And went on my way, feeling sad, and so lone.

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At last His love conquered, I flew to His breast,
And cried in my anguish, "O Lord, give me rest!"
I heard His sweet voice say, "Fear not, I am near,
Thy prayer I have answered, thy pardon is here."

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No longer in sadness or sorrow I roam,
My Savior goes with me, my heart is His home;
I tell Him my troubles, and all that alarms,
He whispers most sweetly, "Come, hide in My arms."

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