

God Made Me for Himself

Henry Baker, 1876.

John Bridge, 1889.

God made me for Himself, to serve Him here

With love's pure service and in filial fear;

To show His praise, for Him to labor now;

Then see His glory where the angels bow.

All needful grace was mine, through His dear Son,

Whose life and death my full salvation won;

The grace that would have strengthened me, and taught;

Grace that would crown me when my work was wrought.

And I, poor sinner, cast it all away;

Lived for the toil or pleasure of each day;

As if no Christ had shed His precious blood,

As if I owed no homage to my God.

O Holy Spirit, with Thy fire divine,

Melt into tears this thankless heart of mine;

Teach me to love what once I seemed to hate,

And live to God, before it be too late.