

O Lord, Around Thy Altar Now

Charles Derry, 1861.

Thomas Arne, 1762.

O Lord, around Thine altar now,
To supplicate Thy grace,
As children we would humbly bow
And seek our Father's face.

Hide not from us, our Father dear,
Thy gracious smiles, we pray;
But let Thy love dispel our fear
And draw us near to Thee.

Let Thy great light illumine our souls,
And guide our erring feet;
Thy Spirit o'er us hold control
And keep us from deceit.

Then, gracious God, accept us now,
From Thy great throne above,
Help each to pay his sacred vow,
And fill us with Thy love.