

To Thee, Before the Dawning Light

Isaac Watts, 1719.

Joseph Barnby, 1881.

To Thee, before the dawning light

My gracious God, I pray;

I meditate Thy name by night,

And keep Thy law by day.

My spirit faints to see Thy grace,

Thy promise bears me up;

And while salvation long delays,

Thy Word supports my hope.

Seven times a day I lift my hands,

And pay my thanks to Thee;

Thy righteous providence demands

Repeated praise from me.

When midnight darkness veils the skies,

I call Thy works to mind;

My thoughts in warm devotion rise,

And sweet acceptance find.