

The word of Christ, our Lord
The Word Quick and Powerful
John Newton, 1779,
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The word of Christ, our Lord,
With whom we have to do;
Is sharper than a two-edged sword,
To pierce the sinner through.

2. Swift as the lightnings blaze
When awful thunders roll,
It fills the conscience with amaze,
And penetrates the soul.

3. No heart can he concealed
From his all-piercing eyes;
Each thought and purpose stands revealed,
Naked, without disguise.

4. He sees his peoples' fears,
He notes their mournful cry;
He counts their sighs and falling tears,
And helps them from on high.

5. Though feeble is their good,
It has his kind regard;
Yea, all they would do, if they could,
Shall find a sure reward.

6. He sees the wicked too,
And will repay them soon,
For all the evil deeds they do,
And all they would have done.

7. Since all our secret ways
Are marked and known by thee;
Afford us, Lord, thy light of grace
That we ourselves may see.