

When Jesus claims the sinner's heart  
Satan Returning  
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When Jesus claims the sinner's heart,  
Where Satan ruled before;  
The evil spirit must depart,  
And dares return no more.

2. But when he goes without constraint,  
And wanders from his home;  
Although withdrawn, 'tis but a feint,  
He means again to come.

3. Some outward change perhaps is seen  
If Satan quit the place;  
But though the house seem swept and clean,  
'Tis destitute of grace.

4. Except the Saviour dwell and reign  
Within the sinner's mind;  
Satan, when he returns again,  
Will easy entrance find.

5. With rage and malice sevenfold,  
He then resumes his sway;  
No more by checks to be controlled,  
No more to go away.

6. The sinner's former state was bad,  
But worse the latter far;  
He lives possessed, and blind, and mad,  
And dies in dark despair.

7. Lord save me from this dreadful end!  
And from this heart of mine,  
O drive and keep away the fiend  
Who fears no voice but thine.