

By Secret Influence from Above

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1)By secret influence from above,
Me Thou dost every moment prove,
And labor to convert;
Ready to save I feel Thee nigh,
And still I hear Thy Spirit cry,
My son, give Me thy heart.

2)Why do I not the call obey,
Cast my besetting sin away,
With every useless load?
Why cannot I this moment give
The heart Thou waitest to receive,
And love my loving God?

3)My loving God, the hindrance show,
Which nature dreads, alas! To know,
And lingers to remove;
Stronger than sin, Thy grace exert,
And seize, and change, and fill my heart
With all the powers of love.

4)Then shall I answer Thy design,
No longer, Lord, my own, but Thine;
Till all Thy will be done,
Humbly I pass my trial here,
And ripe in holiness appear
With boldness at Thy throne. Amen.