

Holy Spirit, Pity Me

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1)Holy Spirit! Pity me,
Pierced with grief for grieving Thee;
Present, though I mourn apart,
Listen to a wailing heart.

2)Sins unnumbered I confess,
Of exceeding sinfulness;
Sins against Thyself alone,
Only to Omniscience known:

3)Deafness to Thy whispered calls,
Rashness midst remembered falls,
Transient fears beneath the rod,
Traacherous trifling with my God;

4)Tasting that the Lord is good,
Pining then for poisoned food;
At the fountains of the skies
Craving creaturely supplies;

5)Worldly cares at worship-time;
Groveling aims in works sublime;
Pride, when God is passing by;
Sloth, when souls in darkness die;

6)Chilled devotions, changed desires,
Quenched corruption's earlier fires;-
Sins like these my heart deceive,
Thee, Who only know'st them, grieve.

7)O how lightly have I slept
With Thy daily wrongs unwept,
Sought Thy chidings to defer,
Shunned the wounded Comforter,

8)Woke to holy labors fresh,
With the plague-spot in my flesh,
Angel seemed to human sight,
Stood a leper in Thy light!

9)Still Thy comforts do not fail,
Still Thy healing aids avail;
Patient Inmate of my breast,
Thou art grieved, yet I am blessed.

10)O be merciful to me,
Now in bitterness for Thee!
Father, pardon through Thy Son
Sins against Thy Spirit done! Amen.