

Return, O wanderer, return  
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Return, O wanderer, return  
And seek an injured Father's face.  
Those warm desires that in thee burn  
Were kindled by reclaiming grace.

2. Return, O wanderer, return  
And seek a Father's melting heart,  
His pitying eyes thy grief discern,  
His hand shall heal thine inward smart.

3. Return, O wanderer, return;  
He hears thy deep repentant sigh;  
He saw thy softened spirit mourn  
When no intruding ear was nigh.

4. Return, O wanderer, return;  
Thy Savior bids thy spirit live.  
Go to His bleeding feet and learn  
How freely Jesus can forgive.

5. Return, O wanderer, return  
And wipe away the falling tear;  
'Tis God who says, "No longer mourn";  
'Tis Mercy's voice invites thee near.

6. Return, O wanderer, return,  
Regain thy lost, lamented rest;  
Jehovah's melting bowels to yearn  
To clasp His Ephraim to His breast.