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Ashamed of thee, O dearest Lord

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I marvel how such wrong can be;
and yet how oft in deed and word
have I been found ashamed of thee!

Ashamed of thee, my King, my God,
who soughtest me with wondrous love,
whose feet the way of sorrow trod
to bring me to thy home above.

Ashamed of thee, of that blest Name
which speaks of mercy full and free!
Nay, Lord, I would my only shame
might be to be ashamed of thee.

Ashamed of thee, whose love divine
was not ashamed of our lost race,
but even this cold heart of mine
dost make thy home and dwelling place.

Ashamed of thee, O Lord, I pray,
this cruel wrong no more may be:
and in thy last great advent day,
O, be not thou ashamed of me!

(1823-1897)

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