

Hymn Lyrics

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Behold thy servant drawing near

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thine altar, Lord, today;
and though I come with doubt and fear,
O send me not away.

I would not dare to seek thy throne
with such a guilty soul,
but that thy flesh and blood alone
can make a sinner whole.

In faith, in love, I would receive,
with mingled joy and grief;
I would not question, but believe;
help thou mine unbelief.

By each Communion teach my feet
to go from strength to strength;
till I with all thy faithful meet
around thy throne at length.

These are stanzas 4, 5, 8 and 10 of , a hymn for First Communion

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