

# Hymn Lyrics

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## O thou who gavest power to love

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that we might fix our hearts on thee,  
preparing us for joys above  
by that which here on earth we see;

Thy Spirit trains our souls to know  
the growing purpose of thy will,  
and gives to love the power to show  
that purpose growing larger still:

Larger, as love to reverent eyes  
makes manifest another soul,  
and shows to life a richer prize,  
a clearer course, a nobler goal.

Lord, grant thy servants who implore  
thy blessing on the hearts they blend,  
that from that union evermore  
new joys may blossom to the end.

Make what is best in each combine  
to purge all earthly dross away,  
to strengthen, purify, refine,  
to beautify each coming day.

So may they hand in hand advance  
along life's paths from troubles free;  
brave to meet adverse circumstance  
because their love points up to thee.

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