

O Father, Forgive!
Stella Thompson, 1913.
Minnis Hayes.

If I've wounded the heart of another today,
Or have caused a lone teardrop to fall;
If I've turned in disdain from the helpless away,
Oh! forgive, Thou blest Father of all!

Refrain

I am bowing before Thee in penitence now,
O compassionate Father, forgive!
Thou alone with Thy peace can my spirit endow,
O compassionate Father, forgive!

My transgressions are many, I humbly confess,
But I long in Thy precepts to live;
With the boon of salvation Thou only can bless,
O compassionate Father, forgive!

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If, when merciless sorrow o'ershadows my soul,
I have sought not Thy guidance each day,
But in folly have strayed where sin's billows oft roll,
Oh! forgive me, dear Father, I pray!

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Tho' I oft have neglected my duty to do,
Disobeying Thy holy command,
And to Thee and Thy cause I have proven untrue,
With the saved I forgiven would stand.

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