

Why Should the Children of a King

Isaac Watts, 1709.

Joseph Barnby, 1861.

Why should the children of a king  
Go mourning all their days?  
Great Comforter! descend and bring  
Some tokens of Thy grace.

Dost Thou not dwell in all the saints,  
And seal the heirs of Heav'n?  
When wilt Thou banish my complaints,  
And show my sins forgiv'n?

Assure my conscience of her part  
In the Redeemer's blood;  
And bear Thy witness with my heart  
That I am born of God.

Thou art the earnest of His love,  
The pledge of joys to come;  
And Thy soft wings, celestial Dove,  
Will safe convey me home.