Firm Was My Health

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719.

Music: Sigismund Neukomm (1778-1858).

Firm was my health, my day was bright, And I presumed twould neer be night; Fondly I said within my heart, Pleasure and peace shall neer depart.

But I forgot Thine arm was strong Which made my mountain stand so long; Soon as Thy face began to hide, My health was gone, my comforts died.

I cried aloud to Thee, my God, What canst Thou profit by my blood? Deep in the dust can I declare Thy truth, or sing Thy goodness there?

Hear me, O God of grace, I said, And bring me from among the dead: Thy Word rebuked the pains I felt, Thy pardoning love removed my guilt.

My groans, and tears, and forms of woe Are turned to joy and praises now; I throw my sackcloth on the ground, And ease and gladness gird me round.

My tongue, the glory of my frame, Shall neer be silent of Thy name; Thy praise shall sound through earth and Heavn, For sickness healed and sins forgivn.