

Give Thanks to God, He Reigns Above

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Give thanks to God, He reigns above;
Kind are His thoughts, His name is Love;
His mercy ages past have known,
And ages long to come shall own.
Let the redeemed of the Lord
The wonders of His grace record;
Israel, the nation whom He chose,
And rescued from their mighty foes.

When Gods almighty arm had broke
Their fetters and the Egyptian yoke,
They traced the desert, wandering round
A wild and solitary ground.
There they could find no leading road,
Nor city for a fixed abode;
Nor food, nor fountain to assuage
Their burning thirst or hungers rage.

In their distress, to God they cried;
God was their Savior and their guide;
He led their march far wandering round
Twas the right path to Canaans ground.
Thus, when our first release we gain
From sins old yoke, and Satans chain,
We have this desert world to pass,
A dangerous and a tiresome place.

He feeds and clothes us all the way,
He guides our footsteps lest we stray,
He guards us with a powerful hand,
And brings us to the heavenly land.
O let the saints with joy record
The truth and goodness of the Lord!
How great His works! How kind His ways!
Let every tongue pronounce His praise.