

When sinners utter boasting words  
They Shall Be Mine, Saith the Lord  
John Newton, 1779,  
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When sinners utter boasting words,  
And glory in their shame;  
The Lord, well-pleased, an ear affords  
To those who fear his name.

2. They often meet to seek his face,  
And what they do, or say,  
Is noted in his book of grace  
Against another day.

3. For they, by faith, a day descry,  
And joyfully expect,  
When he, descending from the sky,  
His jewels will collect.

4. Unnoticed now, because unknown,  
A poor and suff'ring few;  
He comes to claim them for his own,  
And bring them forth to view.

5. With transport then their Saviour's care  
And favour they shall prove;  
As tender parents guard and spare  
The children of their love.

6. Assembled worlds will then discern  
The saints alone are blest;  
When wrath shall like an oven burn,  
And vengeance strike the rest.