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- 4. Shun not the cross with all its anguish, For Christ our Savior suffered there; For us He on the cross did languish Eternal gladness to prepare.
- 5. Yet, that its burden may be lightened, O learn the lesson of the cross; By it each dreary way is brightened And comfort comes for every loss.
- 6. The cross has two beams bound together, Laid crosswise at the right degree; Yet if they parallel each other, The cross has thereby ceased to be.
- 7. And thus the cross itself explaineth Why burdens heavy are indeed, And also how the burden waneth, How souls from sorrow may be freed!
- 8. The longer beam, God's will in heaven; Crosswise our will against it lies—Thus in the cross our woe is given, And what God sends brings tears and sighs.
- 9. Do not withstand therefore God's leading, Although His hand may press severe; By patience conquer self-will—heeding How cross and suff'ring disappear!

- 10. If thus thou put thy will behind thee And do whatever wills thy Lord; Then thou in suff'ring, peace wilt find thee, And Jesus' grace is thy reward.
- 11. With Jesus bear all thou must suffer, And fear the cross of life no more; For when thy journey here is over, The cross will open heaven's door!



Who here in every trial

Will show his worth—his praise meets no denial; Were there no test, the strong could not be known, Nor weak, nor faithful, nor those faithless grown.

5. O faithful Lord.

As Thou art love revealing
Anew to us each day and faithful dealing,
Grant that from day to day we all may be
More faithful, yea, more faithful unto Thee!