

## Can It Be a Pleasure

Alternate 345

1. Can it be a pleas - ure To be hu - man born?

The first system of music is in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). It consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a melody with a final note tied to the next system. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Can life be a treas - ure For me an - y morn?

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a final note tied to the next system. The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

When there's so much sin - ning, An - guish, need and fear,

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a final note tied to the next system. The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

From our life's be - gin - ning Un - til death draws near?

The fourth system concludes the piece. The treble staff has a final note tied to the next system. The bass staff continues with harmonic support and ends with a double bar line.

2. Nothing here could cheer us,  
If no Christ there were:  
He brought heaven near us  
When He did appear.  
Whosoe'er confess Him  
As their God and Lord,  
Ne'er should aught distress them;  
Peace is their reward!

3. Could for love be weeping,  
O Thou Son of Man;  
Safe within Thy keeping  
By Thy love's great plan;  
Thou my heart hast movèd,  
Thine it e'er shall be;  
Thou lead'st me, Belovèd,  
That I still have Thee!

4. Many a blessèd hour  
I have oft with Thee;  
I feel Thy great power  
When depressed I be;  
Hast me much forgiven,  
In Thy mercy mild,  
New grace sent from heaven  
For this slothful child.

5. Is it not a pleasure  
Here Christ's own to be!  
Pilgrims, try this treasure!  
Dare Christ's own to be!  
Knew men but the blessing  
Jesus can afford,  
Many, faith confessing,  
Would accept the Lord.

6. Though the Christian's gladness  
Mingled is with pain,  
Yet his eyes mid sadness,  
Look to heaven's gain;  
And the Lord looks downward  
On him, that he may  
Joyfully press onward  
On his pilgrim way.

7. Christ at length is coming;  
Shall with gentle hand  
Lead us from our roaming  
Home to fatherland.  
When the strife is over,  
Oh, then we shall be  
Where the Hallelujah  
Rings eternally!