

Eternal Love, I Love Thee Only

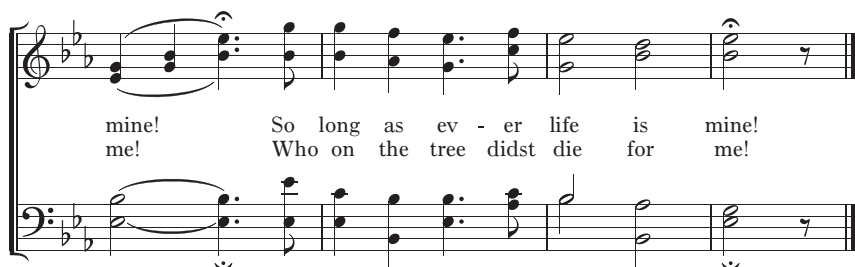
(25, 41, 75, 145, 220)

1. E - ter - nal Love, I love Thee on - ly— Thy heart for
 2. Thee will I love, my Life, for - ev - er; Thou art my

me in death did break! My heart loves Thee—though weak and
 best and tru - est Friend; Thee will I love and hon - or

lone - ly— With ar - dor time can nev - er shake; Thee will I
 ev - er, No mat - ter what this life may send; O Lamb of

love, O Light di - vine, So long as ev - er life is
 God, I will love Thee, Who on the tree didst die for



3. Alas! That I so late have known Thee,
 O Love, the fairest and the best!
 Nor sooner for my Lord could own Thee,
 Thou highest Good, Eternal Rest!
 Now real regret my heart doth move,
 ¶ Because of this my tardy love. ¶

4. I walked in error and in blindness,
 I sought Thee, but I found Thee not;
 I shunned Thy beams of loving-kindness,
 The creature-light filled all my thought;
 It is Thy grace alone that now
 ¶ My heart in love doth to Thee bow. ¶

5. I thank Thee now, true Sun from heaven,
 Whose shining hath brought light to me;
 I thank Thee, who hast richly given,
 All that hath made me glad and free;
 I thank Thee for Thy lips divine,
 ¶ That said to me: "Healing is thine!" ¶

6. O keep me watchful then and humble,
 And suffer me no more to stray;
 Uphold me when my feet would stumble,
 Nor let me halt along the way;
 Fill soul and body with Thy light,
 ¶ O heavenly Radiance, strong and bright! ¶

7. Give to mine eyes tears that are holy,
 O give my heart a glow most pure!
 Yea, let my soul endeavor solely
 In faithful love e'er to endure;
 O let my spirit and my mind
 ¶ Still turn to Thee their rest to find! ¶

8. Thee will I love, my Crown of gladness;
 Thee will I love, my God and Lord,
 Amid the greatest need and sadness;
 Not for the hope of high reward,
 For Thine own sake, O Light divine,
 ¶ So long as ever life is mine! ¶