

- 3. Do we feel the chast'ning rod? Are the burdens sore and pressing? Let us praise the love of God; He intends all these as blessing. Saith He who the truth hath brought: ""For the morrow take no thought!":
- 4. Is the outlook dark and drear? Hath our faith and trust been shaken? If we knock, the Lord will hear; He His own hath ne'er forsaken; Hear His Word, forever true: ||:"Knock, and I will answer you!":||
- 5. What is this brief day of stress As against the joys of heaven, With which God will truly bless Those who patiently have striven! See how Jesus bore the rod # As the guiltless Lamb of God.:
- 6. We ourselves—regard it well—Had deserved His chast'ning o'er us; Yet rejoice, your gladness tell: Jesus bore these suff'rings for us; We are reconciled to God ⊪By the shedding of His blood. ℍ
- 7. O that we might clearly see What these trials here work in us; Strive upon God's ways to be; Let His Spirit work within us: Soon the fruits we shall behold #That from suff'ring here unfold.