

O Lord, Wherever Love Is Waning

(25, 41, 145, 220, 227)

1. O Lord, wher - ev - er love is wan - ing,
 2. We must con - fess to this, dear Sav - ior,
 3. Bind us with cords of love each hour, _____

There do Thy work in time to save! There let Thy
 For life hath taught this from of old, That where love's
 O God, a - wak - en us by grace, And by Thy

grace, with power sus - tain - ing, Flood new the love that
 flame hath lost its fer - vor The hearts grow des - o -
 Spir - it's might - y pow - er En - cour - age us to

all for - gave! For where the flame of love has
 late and cold. Love is the es - sence of this
 run our race, To see the per - fect goal a -



4. Preserve our first love's high perfection
In all its warmth and purity;
Love banishes all self-affection
And sets the heart from evil free.
Love is the mark which makes it clear
That we are Thy disciples here.

5. Lo, where the warmth of love has vanished,
True holiness is found no more;
For love of self has not been banished
And love no faults doth cover o'er,
For where the peace of God departs,
Frivolity soon chills the hearts.

6. Love yearns for a sincere communion
And seeks a faithful brother-heart,
Love there rejoices in a union
Where brothers, from the world apart,
Stand heart to heart on common ground,
Where Christ's own charity is found.

7. This charity is friendly, sparing;
It looks for brotherly accord,
Is ever patient and forbearing
And seeks not honor or reward,
Is clothed in sweet humility,
From every taint of evil free.

8. This charity is soon entreated;
Is not insistent on its right.
Is never proud or self-conceited
But finds enjoyment in the light
Of truth, and righteousness, and peace;
True charity shall never cease!

9. True charity no ill is seeking,
Is ready to give others aid;
And if the world is vengeance wreaking,
It trusts in God all unafraid,
Retaining still its confidence
That God will be a sure defense.

10. True charity is of God's giving
And where love is, there God will be;
Where'er a man, reborn, is living,
There charity is like a sea.
Where charity now doth abound,
A child of God indeed is found.