

- 4. The way dark may be That He bids me take, Yet He lovingly That way bright will make; Though cisterns be broken, Things visible fail, The Word He hath spoken Shall ever prevail!
- 5. So all that I meet Redounds to my weal, The bitter turns sweet, The wounds quickly heal; Though trials be present, They will not last long; And then—oh, how pleasant— A victory-song!
- 6. Why should I complain Of trial or need, Of trouble or pain? Christ teacheth indeed: To whom He would offer The kingdom on high, With Jesus must suffer, And with Him must die!
- 7. How bitter the woe
 He bore for our sin
 That He might bestow
 Salvation to men!
 His way was far rougher,
 Far darker than mine;
 He came down to suffer—
 Should I then repine?
- 8. Though trouble's dark night Or sorrow assail, Though foes may affright And friends' help may fail, There's One who remaineth Always at our side, Our faith He sustaineth—The Lord will provide.
- 9. How firm is the ground, Ye saints of the Lord, That for you is found In God's holy Word: What more can He say than His promise declares? True faith stands unshaken; False faith—it despairs!