BEHOLD the love, the generous love, That gracious David shows:

See how his strong emotions move
For his afflicted foes.

- When they are sick his soul complains,
 And seems to feel the smart;
 The spirit of the Gospel reigns,
 And melts his kindly heart.
- 3 How did his strong concerns condole As for a loved one dead!
 And fasting mortified his soul,
 While for their life he prayed.
- 4 O glorious type of heavenly grace!
 Thus Christ the Lord appears;
 While sinners curse, the Saviour prays,
 And pities them with tears.
- 5 He, Son of David, Zion's King, Blessed and beloved of God, To save us rebels (dead in sin) Paid His own dearest blood.

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