

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

1. Je - sus, the ver - y thought of Thee With sweet-ness fills my breast,
 2. No voice can sing, nor heart can frame, Nor can the mem-'ry find
 3. O hope of ev - 'ry con - trite heart, O joy of all the meek,
 4. But what to those who find? Ah, this No tongue nor pen can show.
 5. Je - sus, our on - ly joy be Thou, As Thou our prize wilt be;

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 But sweet - er far Thy face to see And in Thy pres - ence rest.
 A sweet - er sound than Thy blest name, O Sav - ior of man - kind.
 To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!
 The love of Je - sus, what it is None but His loved ones know.
 Je - sus, be Thou our glo - ry now And through e - ter - ni - ty.

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