## 29 A Poor Wayfaring Man of Grief



- 4. 'Twas night; the floods were out; it blew A winter hurricane aloof.
  I heard his voice abroad and flew To bid him welcome to my roof.
  I warmed and clothed and cheered my guest And laid him on my couch to rest, Then made the earth my bed and seemed In Eden's garden while I dreamed.
- 5. Stript, wounded, beaten nigh to death, I found him by the highway side. I roused his pulse, brought back his breath, Revived his spirit, and supplied Wine, oil, refreshment—he was healed. I had myself a wound concealed But from that hour forgot the smart, And peace bound up my broken heart.
- 6. In pris'n I saw him next, condemned To meet a traitor's doom at morn. The tide of lying tongues I stemmed, And honored him 'mid shame and scorn. My friendship's utmost zeal to try, He asked if I for him would die. The flesh was weak; my blood ran chill, But my free spirit cried, "I will!"
- 7. Then in a moment to my view
  The stranger started from disguise.
  The tokens in his hands I knew;
  The Savior stood before mine eyes.
  He spake, and my poor name he named,
  "Of me thou hast not been ashamed.
  These deeds shall thy memorial be;
  Fear not, thou didst them unto me."