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| <p>1 Fairest Lord Jesus,<br/>Lord of all creation,<br/>Jesus, of God and man the son;<br/>you will I cherish,<br/>you will I honour,<br/>you are my soul's delight and crown.</p>              | <p>3 Fair are the flowers,<br/>fairer still the children,<br/>in all the freshness of youth arrayed;<br/>yet is their beauty<br/>fading and fleeting;<br/>Lord Jesus, yours will never fade.</p>  |
| <p>2 Fair are the meadows,<br/>fairer still the woodlands,<br/>robed in the verdure and bloom of<br/>Jesus is fairer, [spring,<br/>Jesus is purer,<br/>he makes the saddest heart to sing.</p> | <p>4 Fair is the moonlight,<br/>fairer still the sunshine,<br/>fair is the shimmering starry sky:<br/>Jesus shines brighter,<br/>Jesus shines clearer<br/>than all the heavenly host on high.</p> |
| <p>5 All fairest beauty<br/>heavenly and earthly,<br/>wondrously, Jesus, in you is found;<br/>none can be nearer,<br/>fairer or dearer<br/>than you, my Saviour, to me bound.</p>              |   |

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