

# 84A How Dear To Me, O LORD Of Hosts

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1. How dear to me, O LORD of Hosts, The placewhere Thou dost dwell;  
 2. Be - neath Thy care the spar - row finds A place of peace - ful rest;  
 3. Blest they whodwell with - in Thyhouse, Their per - fect strengthThou art;  
 4. O LORD of Hosts, to Thee I cry, Our fa - ther's God, to Thee;



The tab - er - na - cles of Thy grace In pleas - ant - ness ex - cel.  
 Where she may safe - ly lay her young The swal - low finds a nest;  
 Their joy - ful praise shall nev - er cease, Thy ways are in their heart.  
 Let my pe - ti - tion reach Thy ear, My prayer ac - cept - ed be;



My spir - it longs, yea, e - ven faints, Thy sa - cred courts to see;  
 Then, LORD of Hosts, my King, my God, Thy love will shel - ter me;  
 Their tears of grief, like ear - ly rain, Sweet springs of joy shall fill;  
 O God our shield, look Thou on us, Re - veal Thy - self in grace,



My thirst - ing heart and flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for Thee.  
 Be - neath Thy al - tar's peace - ful shade My dwell - ing place shall be.  
 With strength re - newed they jour - ney safe To Zi - on's ho - ly hill.  
 And let Thy own a - noint - ed one Be - hold Thee face to face.



5. <sup>10</sup>A single day within Thy courts,  
Where I Thy beauty see,  
Is better than a thousand days  
My God, apart from Thee.  
A lowly station in Thy house  
Were dearer to my heart  
Than in the tents of wickedness  
To claim the chiefest part.

6. <sup>11</sup>A sun and shield is God, the LORD,  
To lighten and defend;  
The LORD to such as look to Him  
Will grace and glory send;  
To those that walk in righteousness  
No good will He deny;  
<sup>12</sup>O LORD of Hosts, how blest are they  
Who on Thy grace rely.