

I love thee, Lord, but not because

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1. I love thee, Lord, but not be-cause I hope for heav'n there - by,
2. but for that thou didst all the world up - on the cross em - brace;
3. and griefs and tor - ments num-ber-less, and sweat of a - gon - y;

nor yet for fear that lov-ing not I might for ev - er die;
for us didst bear the nails and spear, and man - i - fold dis - grace,
e'en death it - self; and all for one who was thine en - e - my.

4. Then why, most lov - ing Je - sus Christ, should I not love thee well,
5. not with the hope of gain-ing aught, not seek-ing a re - ward;
6. E'en so I love thee, and will love, and in thy praise will sing,

not for the sake of win-ning heav'n, nor an - y fear of hell;
but as thy - self hast lov - ed me, O ev - er lov - ing Lord!
sole - ly be-cause thou art my God and my e - ter - nal King.