O Jesus, I have promised AMNS 235 Melody: Wolvercote 7 6. 7 6. D.





O Jesus, I have promised

to serve thee to the end;

be thou for ever near me,

my Master and my Friend:

I shall not fear the battle

if thou art by my side,

nor wander from the pathway

if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me:

the world is ever near;

I see the sights that dazzle,

the tempting sounds I hear;

my foes are ever near me,

around me and within;

but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,

and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking

in accents clear and still,

above the storms of passion,

the murmurs of self-will;

O speak to reassure me,

to hasten or control;

O speak, and make me listen,

thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised

to all who follow thee,

that where thou art in glory

there shall thy servant be;

and, Jesus, I have promised

to serve thee to the end:

O give me grace to follow,

my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks,

and in them plant mine own;

my hope to follow duly

is in thy strength alone:

O guide me, call me, draw me,

uphold me to the end;

and then in heaven receive me,

my Saviour and my Friend.

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