

I Asked the Lord

1. I asked the Lord that I might grow
 2. 'Twas He who taught me thus to pray,
 3. I hoped that in some fa - vored hour
 4. In - stead of this He made me feel
 5. Yea more with His own hand He seemed
 6. Lord, why is this, I trem - bling cried?
 7. "These in - ward tri - als I em - ploy

in faith and love and ev - 'ry grace,
 and He I trust has an - swered prayer,
 at once He'd an - swer my re - quest
 the hid - den e - - - vils of my heart
 in - tent to ag - gra - vate my woe,
 Wilt Thou pur - sue Thy worm to death?
 from self and pride to set thee free

might more of His sal - va - tion know
 but it has been in such a way
 and by His love's con - strain - ing pow'r
 and let the an - gry pow'rs of Hell
 crossed all the fair de - signs I schemed,
 "'Tis in this way," the Lord re - plied,
 and break thy schemes of earth - ly joy

and seek more ear - nest - ly His face.
 as al - most drove me to de - spair.
 sub - due my sins and give me rest.
 as - sault my soul in ev - 'ry part.
 cast out my feel - ings, laid me low.
 "I an - swer prayer for grace and faith."
 that thou may'st find thy all in me."

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