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Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD. Ps. 27:4

1. O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2. Lord, my God, I come be - fore thee, come thou al - so un - to me;
3. Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4. Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine,
5. Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;

where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for him who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
• let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en; may thy Word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.

Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, O en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
• so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in my strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows, here is balm for all our woes.

O for a Closer Walk with God

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What does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Mic. 6:8

1. O for a clos - er walk with God, a calm and heav'n - ly frame,
2. Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet mes - sen - ger of rest;
3. The dear - est i - dol I have known, what - e'er that i - dol be,
4. So shall my walk be close with God, calm and se - rene my frame;

a light to shine up - on the road that leads me to the Lamb!
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
help me to tear it from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.
so pur - er light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.