Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

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1. Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there.
2. Lord, my God, I come before thee, come thou also unto me;
3. Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown;
4. Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep thy gift divine,
5. Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed;

where my soul in joyful duty waits for him who answers prayer,
where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.

let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,
how e'er temptations thicken; may thy Word still o'er me shine
may I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed.

Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with soace, light, and grace!

To my heart, O enter thou, let it be thy temple now!
so that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.
as my guiding star through life, as my comfort in my strife.
Here of life the fountain flows, here is balm for all our woes.

Benjamin Schmelck, 1732, cent.
Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

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Joachim Neander, 1680, alt. 1990.
Forever Trusting in the Lord

1. Forever trusting in the Lord, take heed to do his will;
2. Delight now in the Lord, and he will grant your heart’s request;
3. And he shall make your righteousness shine brightly as the light,
4. Rest in the Lord with quiet trust, wait patiently for him;

so shall you dwell within the land, and he your needs shall fill.

to him commit your way in faith, and thus you shall be blessed.

and as the burning noon-day sun your judgment shall be bright.

though wickedness triumphant seem, let not your faith grow dim.

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