Here, O My Lord, I See Thee 623

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1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen;

here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all my weariness upon thee lean.

2. This is the hour of banquet and of song; this is the heavenly table spread for me;

here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong the hallowed hour of fellowship with thee.

3. Here would I feed upon the bread of God, here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven;

here would I lay aside each earthly load, here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

4. Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear; the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.

The bread and wine remove; but thou art here, nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.

5. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by; yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,

giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.