

RETURNING TO THE LORD HIMSELF

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1. Oh Lord, Thou my dearest love,
Now to Thy bosom I flee!
Nothing in all the world but Thee,
May rouse the quiet peace in me.
Lord, Thou hast called me in Thy love,
I once was fully drawn to Thee;
While through the wilderness I trod,
Thy band of Love bound me to Thee.
2. Lord, I give myself to Thee,
Thy love constrained me dearly;
This love Thou never didst forget,
Fore'er impressed deeply in Thee.
Ah, hopeful dawn in days of youth—
Its future radiantly bright...
Ne'er quenched should altar's fire have been,
Till breaks the day of splendid light.
3. Idol man's heart taken sway,
Confusing, fuddling his away;
Young heart lured secretly away,
Unknowingly 'twas led astray.
Yet, the same love in days of youth,
Still calling, ever stronger grown.
How do I keep this heart of mine,
Chaste as a land that's ne'er been sown?
4. Though hesitantly I tread,
Still Thou cease not drawing me;
To my own vineyards I am led,
There I'd be fully drunk in Thee.
Vally of Achor, I am come,
The door of hope opened to me.
I see Thy countenance of love,
Captured, Beloved, anew to Thee.
5. Toiling, lab'ring I had been,
Knew Thee as Master merely;
Lo, now my Husband I have seen,
Betrothed, Beloved, unto Thee.
Hence, broken cisterns hew no more,
To fount of living waters face;
Richly I'm feasting on Thy love,
Drowned in Thy deepest sea of grace.
6. Lord, now belong I to Thee,
Joined our two hearts lovingly!
Longing that no more I who live,
But Thou, the One who lives in me.
Yea, Thou in me and I in Thee,
Affections intimate and sweet.
Oh, that I may be lost in Thee,
Fore'er inspe'nable, complete!

(Ref.: Hosea 2:14-17; Jeremiah 2:2, 13)