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1. Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee  
 2. O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,  
 3. But what to those who find? Ah, this  
 4. Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,

with sweet - ness fills the breast; but sweet - er far thy  
 O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how  
 nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Je - sus,  
 as thou our prize wilt be; Je - sus, be thou our

face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.  
 kind thou art! How good to those who seek!  
 what it is, none but his loved ones know.  
 glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

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