COMFORT IN JESUS' LOVE

(♩ = ca. 120)

E♭

Still on thy lov - ing heart let me re - pose,

Fm B♭

Je - sus, sweet Au - thor of my joy and rest;

B♭ 7

O let me pour my sor - rows, cares, and woes,

E♭ B♭ 7 E♭ 7

in - to thy true and sym - pa - thiz - ing breast.

A♭ E♭

Thy love grows nev - er cold, but its pure flame

B♭ B♭ 7 E♭

seems ev - ery day more strong and bright to glow,

E♭ 7 A♭ G7 Cm G7 A♭ E♭

thy truth re - mains e - ter - nal - ly the same,

B♭ 7 E♭

pure and un - sul - lied as the moun - tain snow.

2. O what is other love compared with thine,
of such high value, such eternal worth!
What is man's love compared with love divine,
which never changes in this changing earth:
love, which in this cold world grows never cold,
love, which decays not with the world's decay,
love, which is young when all things else grow old,
which lives when heaven and earth shall pass away!

3. How little love unchangeable and fixed
in this dark valley doth to man remain,
with what unworthy motive is it mixed,
how full of grief, uncertainty, and pain?
Love is the object, which attracts all eyes,
we win it, and already fear to part,
a thousand rivals watch to seize the prize,
and tear the precious idol from our heart.

4. But thou, in spite of our offences past,
and those, alas! which still in us are found,
hast loved us, Jesus, with a love so vast,
no span can reach it, and no plummet sound.
Though the poor love we give thee in return
should seem extinguished, thine is ever true,
its sacred fire eternally doth burn,
though everlasting, always fresh and new.

5. Thou, who art ever ready to embrace
all those who truly after thee enquire,
thou, who hast promised in thy heart a place
to all who love thee and a place desire;
O Lord, when I am anxious and depressed,
and dim with tears mine eyes can hardly see,
O let me lean upon thy faithful breast,
rejoicing that e'en I am loved by thee.

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