

My God, I Love Thee

1. My God, I love Thee! not be - cause I hope for Heav'n there - by,
2. And griefs and tor - ments num - ber - less, and sweat of a - go - ny;
3. Not with the hope of gain - ing aught, not seek - ing a re - ward;

Nor yet be - cause, if I love not, I must for - ev - er die.
Yea, death it - self; and all for me who was Thine en - e - my.
But as Thy - self hast lov - ed me, O ev - er lov - ing Lord!

Thou, O my Je - sus, Thou didst me u - pon the cross em - brace;
Then why, O bles - sed Je - sus Christ, should I not love Thee well?
So would I love Thee, dear - est Lord, and in Thy praise will sing,

For me didst bear the nails and spear, and man - i - fold dis grace,
Not for the sake of win - ning Heav'n, nor a - ny fear of hell;
Be - cause Thou art my lov - ing God, and my e - ter - nal King.

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