

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

I have set the Lord always before me. Therefore my heart is glad. Psalm 16:8-9

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The second system also includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1. Je - sus, the ver - y thought of Thee With sweet-ness fills my breast;
2. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, Nor can the mem - 'ry find
3. O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart, O joy of all the meek,
4. But what to those who find? Ah, this Nor tongue nor pen can show;
5. Je - sus, our on - ly joy be Thou, As Thou our prize wilt be;

But sweet - er far Thy face to see And in Thy pres - ence rest.
A sweet - er sound than Thy blest name, O Sav - ior of man - kind.
To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!
The love of Je - sus, what it is - None but His loved ones know.
Je - sus, be Thou our glo - ry now And thro' e - ter - ni - ty.

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